

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No.

Defendant.

As prospective jurors of this jury, you will be asked questions by me and the attorneys to determine whether you are to be selected to try this case. The purpose of the questioning is to enable the court to determine whether or not any prospective juror should be excused for cause. In addition, each party has a right to excuse a certain number of jurors without assigning any cause. If you are excused you should not consider it a reflection on you in any way.

The questions asked of you are not designed to pry into your personal affairs, but to discover if you have any knowledge of this particular case, have any preconceived opinion which you cannot lay aside, or if you have had any experience in life that might cause you to identify yourself with any of the parties. These questions are necessary to assure each party an impartial jury.

This case is expected to take __ days to try; will this fact present a special problem to any member of the panel?

This is a criminal case in which the defendant[s] has been charged by indictment with the following: (read or summarize the indictment)

Has any member of the panel heard or read anything about this case?

Counsel for the government is _____ and counsel for the defendant is _____.

Does any member of the panel or his or her immediate family know or have had any business dealings with any of the counsel or their law firms?

Acting as a representative for the United States is _____, and

the defendant is _____.

Is any member of the panel or his or her immediate family personally acquainted with, related to, had any business dealings, or had any similar relationship or business connection with any of the parties in this case?

Prospective witnesses in this case are (read):

Does any member of the panel know any of the prospective witnesses?

Has any member of the panel ever served as a juror in a criminal or civil case, or as a member of a grand jury either in the federal or state court?

Have you, any member of your family, or any close friend ever been employed by a law enforcement agency?

If you answer Yes to [either of] the following question[s], or if you do not understand the question[s], please come forward, be seated in the well of the courtroom, and be prepared to discuss your answer with the court and counsel at the bench:

A. Have you ever been involved, in any court, in a criminal matter that concerned yourself, any member of your family, or a close friend, either as a defendant, a witness, or a victim?

B. [Only if the charge to crime relates to illegal drugs or narcotics, ask:] Have you had any experience involving yourself, any member of your family, or any close friend that relates to the use or possession of illegal drugs or narcotics?

If you are selected to sit on this case, will you be able to render a verdict solely on the evidence presented at the trial and in the context of the law as I will give it to you in the instructions, disregarding any other ideas, notions, or beliefs about the law that you may have encountered in reaching your verdict?

Does any member of the panel have any special disability or problem that would make it difficult or impossible to serve as a member of the jury?

I will now permit counsel to conduct additional voir dire examination.

Ladies and gentlemen, having heard the questions put to you by the court and counsel, do you know of any other reason why you could not sit on this jury and render a fair and impartial verdict based upon on the evidence presented and in the context of the court' s instruction on the law?

Counsel may mark their challenges.