COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY PIKE CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CASE NO. 19-CI-00233

NICKY GAUZE, Individually, and NICKY GAUZE, as Administrator of the ESTATE of MARY E. GAUZE, Deceased; NICKY GAUZE, as Guardian of JOEY GAUZE, a Minor; and CODY GAUZE.

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PLAINTIFFS

v.

PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, INC. d/b/a PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER; and JOHN DOES 1 through 3, Unknown Defendants

DEFENDANT

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO RECUSE AND MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT

COME NOW Plaintiffs, by and through undersigned counsel and, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute Section 26A.015 hereby move the Honorable H. Keith Hall recuse himself from further participation in the above-styled matter. Plaintiffs further sayeth:

MEMORANDUM

When a party moves for recusal an affidavit is required.¹ *Abbott, Inc. v. Guirguis*, 626 S.W.3d 475, 484 (Ky. 2021). Whatever their legal import, the Court cannot inquire into the truth or falsity of the actual statements made in the affidavit filed in support. *Neace v. Commonwealth*, 47 S.W.2d 995, 997 (Ky. 1932). It is, from outward appearances, a seemingly minor and explainable—*but* under the circumstances, decisive—slip of the tongue or memory that unfortunately requires Plaintiffs to move for Judge Hall to recuse himself.

¹ See Exhibit 1.

STANDARD

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KRS § 26A.015 and SCR 4.300 set forth the standards for recusal and disqualification of a sitting judge. KRS § 26A.015(2) states in part (emphasis added):

Any justice or judge of the Court of Justice or master commissioner *shall disqualify himself* in any proceeding:

(a) Where he has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party, or personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary *facts* concerning the proceedings, or has expressed an opinion concerning the merits of the proceeding;

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(d) Where he or his spouse, or a person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such a person:

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- 4. Is to the knowledge of the judge or master commissioner *likely to be a material witness* in the proceeding.
- (e) Where he has knowledge of any other circumstances in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

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SCR4.300 sets forth a canon of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct, stating much the same thing. *See* SCR4.300, Canon 2.11. Additionally, as late as two years ago, the Kentucky Supreme Court has stated:

Against that background, our standard of review for a recusal motion requires revision. Admittedly as recently as four months ago, we stated that a court's denial of a motion for recusal is reviewed for abuse of discretion. * * * To the extent this standard implies appellate deferral to the trial judge and his or her reasoning in not recusing, it is inappropriate. * * * Because an objective standard is appropriate for measuring whether a judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned from the perspective of a reasonable observer who is informed of all the surrounding facts and circumstances, we hold, appropriately, that this determination is to be reviewed on appeal on a *de novo* basis.

Abbott, Inc. v. Guirguis, 626 S.W.3d at 483-484.

A. Partiality

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The question is not whether Judge Hall is actually biased or impartial, but simply whether his impartiality might reasonably be questioned. *Sommers v. Commonwealth*, 843 SW.2d 879, 882 (Ky. 1992) (holding that it was an abuse of discretion to deny a motion for recusal where the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, regardless whether he in fact was impartial); *see also Çommonwealth v. Barndenburg*, 114 S.W.3d 830, 832-834 (Ky. 2003) (emphasizing that the appearance of impropriety required recusal even absent accusations of actual impropriety). Inquiries in judicial recusal are "objective one[s], made from the perspective of a reasonable observer who is informed of all the surrounding facts and circumstances." *Dean v. Bondurant*, 193 S.W.3d 744, 746 (Ky. 2006).

Now, Plaintiffs do not assert that Judge Hall is partial. However, it is at least an abuse of discretion for a judge not to recuse himself when his impartiality might reasonably be questioned. *See Sommers v. Commonwealth, supra*. And review of the surrounding facts and circumstances of the issue will be one performed by the appellate courts *de novo*. *Abbott, Inc. v. Guirguis, supra*.

B. Judge as witness

Again, Plaintiffs do not assert that Judge Hall is partial, but that a reasonable outside observer might not agree ... particularly given that he holds evidence, and is a potential witness as to a seminal point at trial, or in the appellate record. Recusal is required where particularized facts demonstrate that a judge will likely testify as a material witness. *Arrowood Indem. Co. v. City of Warren, Mich.*, 54 F. Supp. 3d 723, 727 (E.D. Mich. 2014).

[A] judge may not preside if he: * * * (b) has "personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding," § 455(b)(1); or (c) knows he or she is "likely to be a material witness in the proceeding," § 455(b)(5)(iv). If any of these circumstances exist, the judge must disqualify

himself even if the parties agree that it would be desirable for him to continue to preside. United States v. Chantal, 902 F.2d 1018, 1023 (1st Cir.1990).

United States v. Salemme, 164 F.Supp.2d 49, 51 (D. Mass. 1998) (emphasis added).

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FACTS AND ARGUMENT

To remind the Court, following a complete and lengthy trial, on February 10, 2023 (the second day of jury deliberations in the above-styled case) proceedings began by this Court's admonitions to the jury, and the Court was apparently preparing to direct the latter to resume deliberations, when Juror 2 (now known to have been Mr. Little) indicated that he had a question. (**Exhibit 2** at 10) At the bench, with parties' counsel present, Mr. Little inquired:

If there was a statement made at the *beginning of <u>deliberations</u>* by one of the jurors that would have made them not eligible to be on this jury, is that - that's - I mean [. . .] is that just the way [. . .] it is, right?

(**Exhibit 2** at 10–11)

The Court immediately inquired further, and Mr. Little went on to editorialize to the effect that he had "lost sleep . . . [but] not because of the facts." He implied thereby that there had been juror misconduct. (*Id.*) The other jurors were unaware of the substance of the substance of this bench colloquy, or why Mr. Little had approached the bench.

At some point Mr. Little returned to his seat, but the Court subsequently invited him back to the bench to continue probing matters—this time, *outside of parties' counsel's hearing*. (Exhibit 2 at 18) Mr. Little then apparently stated he held concerns regarding the juror who "volunteered to be the foreperson, *about a few minutes into deliberations*"—later identified as Juror 1, Ms. Kendrick. Mr. Little claimed Ms. Kendrick related to him that she had told her "family" not to take her to Pikeville Medical Center, (Exhibit 2 at 19), potentially a comment

necessitating striking Ms. Kendrick as a juror. According to transcript, the following exchange then occurred outside of parties' counsel's hearing:

Judge: Now, did she make that statement based on what she heard in the trial, or

did she bring that preconceived feeling into the courtroom?

Juror 2: Yeah, that's what – that's *what I took it as*.

Judge: It was so early in the trial, that she brought that feeling in with her.

Juror 2: Yeah, she said that. That's what I'm saying. We hadn't started

<u>deliberating</u>. [. . .]

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Judge: [...] Was it based upon what she'd heard during this trial, or was it what

she brought in as a preconceived feeling?

Juror 2: And then we *continued to deliberate* a few minutes –

 $[\ldots]$

Judge: That - oh, that was - did she say she felt - she mentioned something about

the first - at the very beginning.

Juror 2: That was *before we started <u>deliberating</u>*.

Judge: She said that after the first (Inaudible)?

Juror 2: *She volunteered to be the foreperson*, which was – I thought was strange

somebody volunteered right off the bat to be that that, you know. I'm like,

dang, I figured nobody --

(Exhibit 2 at 19–23 (emphases added))

Again, this interrogation itself occurred outside of the parties' counsel's hearing. The Judge then *relayed* <u>his</u> *understanding* of the bench-Little exchange to counsel, and included the comment, "[h]e said she said – that was at the *first day of the <u>trial</u>*." (*Id.* at 24) The Judge at this juncture entertained Defendant's motion to strike Ms. Kendrick from the jury and declare a mistrial. As this Court knows, Ms. Kendrick was struck as a juror, and a mistrial declared.

Plaintiffs did not object to the striking of Ms. Kendrick, or to the mistrial, but refrained from doing so because of the parties' belief that the representations made by the Court regarding Mr. Little's statements on when Ms. Kendrick made her comments were accurate. Given

subsequent information brought to light as well as the transcript of Mr. Little's unaccompanied dialogue at the bench, Plaintiffs are in the unfortunate position of asserting that the representations made by the Court regarding Mr. Little's statements on when Ms. Kendrick made her comments were *not accurate*.

Had the comments of Ms. Kendrick been just as represented to parties' counsel by the Court, the decision to strike her as a juror would have been appropriate. Thus did Plaintiffs not object to the decisive motions in question. One cannot serve as a juror with a bias existent at the outset of trial toward one of the parties. However, if a bias arises only after the presentation of evidence, and at the beginning of deliberations, such a bias is not only permissible; it is appropriate.

Did Ms. Kendrick have an unfavorable impression of Pikeville Medical Center at the beginning of deliberations, *i.e.*, at the end of the presentation of evidence? This would have been appropriate. She was permitted to have, even necessarily so, some kind of impression of the Pikeville Medical Center at that point. In order to deliberate... in order to have anything upon which to deliberate... each juror on a jury panel must come to the deliberation table with some kind of impression based upon the evidence presented. That is what deliberation is for. There can be no deliberations, if none of the jurors have impressions.

Or at least this would have been Plaintiff's argument in objecting to Defendant's motions, had Plaintiffs been correctly apprised by the Court on Mr. Little's representations. Plaintiffs were effectively denied the ability to make this argument. Had the full facts been known, Plaintiffs would have objected. Plaintiffs were denied this opportunity.

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Even had Plaintiffs' objections been overruled,² Plaintiffs could have (and would have) filed an emergency petition for an extraordinary writ in the Court of Appeals. This circumstance would have potentially called for a writ of some kind.³

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Writs issue upon three kinds of showings: *First* is the showing pertaining to a lower court straying from its jurisdiction, which would not have been at issue in this petition. *Second* is the showing of an error that causes both (1) irreparable harm to the petitioner, un-remediable on appeal, and (2) great injustice. As the Kentucky Supreme Court stated in *Hoskins v. Maricle*:

(1) the lower court is proceeding or is about to proceed outside of its jurisdiction and there is no remedy through an application to an intermediate court; or (2) that the lower court is acting or is about to act erroneously, although within its jurisdiction, and there exists no adequate remedy by appeal or otherwise and great injustice and irreparable injury will result if the petition is not granted.

Hoskins v. Maricle, 150 S.W.3d 1, 10 (Ky. 2004) (quoting Southeastern United Medigroup, Inc. v. Hughes, 952 S.W.2d 195, 199 (Ky. 1997)).

Under the second showing, Plaintiffs could have and would have taken the position that:

(1) This Court would have erred in striking Ms. Kendrick and ordering a mistrial, based upon a bias demonstrated only at the beginning of deliberations. (2) There would be no appellate mechanism to remedy such an error later, after an erroneously declared mistrial. (3) A declared mistrial after a full trial had been consummated, would have constituted a grave injustice to Plaintiffs.

² Plaintiffs recognize that this is speculation, and proceed hereafter *arguendo*.

³ As an aside, and as this Court is aware, the full jury was allowed to continue deliberations—without knowing of the ordered mistrial or the striking of Ms. Kendrick—to render, in effect, an advisory verdict and presumably assist the parties in future potential negotiations. Later that afternoon the jury returned a \$10 million verdict in favor of the Plaintiffs.

Then there is the *third* kind of showing. This is the showing of a "special case," justifying the issuance of a writ. *See e.g.*, *Bender v. Eaton*, 343 S.W.2d 799 (Ky. 1961); *The St. Luke Hospitals, Inc. v. Kopowski*, 160 S.W.3d 771 (Ky. 2005). "Special cases" extend to,

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situations where the action for which the writ is sought would violate the law... or by contradicting the requirements of a civil rule. In those rare cases, a court may peek behind the curtain, *i.e.*, beyond the petitioner's failure to meet the great and irreparable harm test, at the merits of the petitioner's claim of error by the lower court.

Grange Mut. Ins. Co. v. Trude, 151 S.W.3d 803, 808 (Ky. 2004). In a special case, "correction of the error is necessary and appropriate *in the interest of orderly judicial administration*." Bender at 801 (emphasis added). It should go without saying that an erroneous declaration of a mistrial and the ordering of a "do-over," to include an entire new trial, is far from the interests of "orderly judicial administration." This would indeed have been a special case for which extraordinary writs are designed.

All of this exposition presents an extraordinary and complex circumstance to place in front of the Court of Appeals later, on a direct appeal. But the bell cannot be un-rung. And, inadvertently, Judge Hall is a holder of material facts and a participant in this matter.⁴ Plaintiffs pray Judge Hall recuse himself.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that Judge Hall recuse himself.

⁴ Further, Judge Hall's judicial assistant made a factual comment on social media regarding a material issue—the substance in such comment Plaintiffs deny—necessitating his recusal. *C.f. Hamid v. Price Waterhouse*, 51 F.3d 1411, 1416 (9th Cir.1995) ("Even if the judge has no reason to recuse herself based upon her own circumstances, a law clerk's relationships might cause the impartiality of decisions from that judge's chambers in which the clerk participates reasonably to be questioned.").

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and exact copy of the foregoing document was filed with the Pike County Circuit Court Clerk using the ECF system, which will send notification of same to the following counsel of record this 16th day of May, 2023:

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DEFENDANT

AFFIDAVIT OF ROSCOE F. MANN

The Affiant, Roscoe F. Mann, having been first duly sworn, hereby deposes and says:

- The undersigned affiant is Roscoe F. Mann, I am over the age of 18 years, and I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- 2. I am lead trial counsel for Nicky Gauze in the above-styled case.
- On February 10, 2023, as the Pike Circuit Court began a second day of jury deliberations in the above-styled case, Juror 2 indicated that he wanted to approach the bench.
- 4. Juror 2 was permitted to approach the bench, at which time Juror 2 stated at bench, and in front of parties' counsel, that Juror 2 held reservations about the continued eligibility of one of the other jurors to serve on the jury.

- 5. At which point, the Judge directed parties' counsel to return to their seats, and the Judge questioned Juror 2 out of the presence of parties' counsel. Thereafter Juror 2 returned to his seat.
- 6. The Judge then recalled counsel to the bench, and relayed information regarding what Juror 2 had said at bench.
- 7. The Judge represented that, according to Juror 2, Juror 1 had insisted on being foreperson, and had otherwise made a prejudicial remark against Defendant at the outset of the trial.
- Upon Defendant's motion for disqualification of Juror 1 and for mistrial, neither I, nor any of other of Mr. Gauze's counsel, objected to this course of action.
- On the other hand, neither I nor any other of Plaintiff's counsel agreed to this course of action.
- 10. Had I known that Juror 2 actually stated that Juror 1's prejudicial remark was made at the outset of deliberations, rather than at the outset of trial, I would have objected to striking Juror 1 and to the order for mistrial.
- 11. Had the Court denied said objection, I would have filed an emergency petition for an extraordinary writ in the Kentucky Court of Appeals.
- 12. Further, the Affiant sayeth naught.

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Ross F. Mann

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
COUNTY OF FAYETTE

Sworn to and acknowledged before me on this 16 day of May, 2023 by Roscoe F. Mann.

MICHAEL JEROME ROTHACKER Notary Public Commonwealth of Kentucky Commission Number KYNP58521 My Commission Expires Sep 8, 2026

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5	MARY E. GAUZE, DECEASED; NICKY GAUZE, AS GUARDIAN OF	5	returning to the courtroom.
6	JOEY GAUZE, A MINOR; AND CODY GAUZE, INDIVIDUALLY:	6	(JURY ENTERS THE COURTROOM)
7	Ross F. Mann, Esquire	7	
8	Brian Jasper, Esquire		JUDGE HALL: Good morning, everyone.
9	Ross Mann Law PLLC	8	JURY PANEL: Good morning.
		9	JUDGE HALL: Welcome back. 12 of you,
10	2257 Executive Drive	10	12 everybody
11	Lexington, Kentucky 40505	11	BAILIFF: You-all may be seated.
12	Telephone No.: (606) 367-7116	12	JUDGE HALL: Got the same 12?
13		13	BAILIFF: Thank you-all.
14	ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS, PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER,	14	JUDGE HALL: Yeah. Oh, that's right. Sorry.
15	INC. D/B/A PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER:	15	Thank you, Jimmy. As you-all noticed, we run
16	Daniel G. Brown, Esquire	16	different. We we're like some basketball teams
17	James E. Smith, Esquire	17	that play all the players. We run people clerks
18	Gazak Brown, PSC	18	run in and out and cover, and the sheriff's
19	3220 Office Pointe Place	19	department tags in and out on us as well. We
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21	Louisville, Kentucky 40220	21	little awkward, it's because we're using a different
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    jury room to continue their deliberations. Ladies
    and gentlemen, we'll going to be in recess.
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    The Court -- this trial will be in recess until
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    return -- until you notify the bailiff that you have
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    reached -- arrived at a verdict. I forgot to
    mention yesterday, did you-all go ahead and take
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    cell phones in the room with you as -- deliberations
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    yesterday? I was going to say -- I think that's my
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    discretion. I like letting you keep them. I don't
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    think anybody's going to go in there and go off and
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11 be talking to somebody while the other 11 are

deliberating. I think you-all wouldn't do that 12

anyway. And I don't -- I can't -- I can't think of 13 any other misuse other than somebody trying to 14

15 research information, and I don't think any of you

would do that. If you've done that, you already 16 17 missed that opportunities [sic] for two weeks.

18 The other reason somebody might use a cell phone is

to call to say, hey, we're at such-and-such number. 19

20 What should I -- I don't think anybody's going to

21 call out for an audible, for anybody to help them.

22 There -- nobody out there you could call that knows

23 as much about this case as you do. Who would

24 you -- I mean, you know what I'm saying? Who would

25 you call? They're not going to know what two weeks

JUDGE HALL: Come on around. We better take that in private. There's not much we can tell you,

3 but. --

JUROR 1: Well --

5 JUDGE HALL: -- the question might -- the 6 question might be something we can tell you.

7 Let's scramble if we could.

8 (BENCH CONFERENCE)

JUDGE HALL: We're just going to scramble.

10 Okay.

11 JUROR 1: We've -- well, I'm going to tell you what we've done. We get through number 1, and then 12

13 to number 2, and we can't get any further. We can't 14

skip 2 and go onto 3. We have to get 2 done before

15 we can --

16 JUDGE HALL: The only thing I can tell you is 17 continue to talk to each other, continue to 18 deliberate. That's all I can really tell you. Is

19 there anything else I can tell him that you-all know

20 of?

21 MALE ATTORNEY: I don't think there's anything

else, Your Honor. 22

23 JUDGE HALL: The only thing I can tell you

24 is --

25 JUROR 1: I just wanted to make sure --

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   of testimony is all about. They're not going to
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2 know anything about this case more than you-all do.

3 So with that in mind, I'd rather you just keep them

4 with you. If you-all want to, when you get in

5 there, if you want to just avoid the disruption, you

may want to set them on a separate table yourselves 6

7 and then check them every hour, however you-all want

8 to do it. I'm going to let you police yourselves on

9 jury -- I mean on the cell phones; is that okay?

Because some of you might have -- if you're like me, 10

I mean, you might get an emergency text or 11

12 something. And most people text these days. They

13 don't call. Calls disrupt you. Most people now

14 know how to text you. So usually all you have to do

15 is go in and take a quick look. And what I did when

I was on jury, I just texted back, I'm in a jury 16

17 trial. Call you later. Click. Done. I think

18 that's what most people do nowadays. Most people

19 know how to do that. If I know how to do it, you

20 know how to do it, okay? We'll put it like that.

Oh, you-all see me when there - - when there's a 21

22 technology -- yes, sir?

23 JUROR 1: I have a question about --

24 JUDGE HALL: Do you want to come around?

25 JUROR 1: -- deliberation.

Page 9 1 JUDGE HALL: I can just tell you keep trying 2 to --

3 JUROR 1: Yeah.

4 JUDGE HALL: -- to arrive at a verdict. If you

eventually can't, we'll bring you back in and see

where you're at. We can't push you one way or the 6

7 other.

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8 JUROR 1: Oh, no. I was just wondering --

9 JUDGE HALL: I mean, I don't mean push you one

10 way or the other, but I mean, we can't push

you -- obviously, we can't push you right or left, 11

12 but we can't push you toward a verdict or away from

13 a verdict.

14 JUROR 1: Right.

15 JUDGE HALL: You know, we can't direct you any

direction at all. 16 17 JUROR 1: Okay. That's --

18 JUDGE HALL: Obviously, we couldn't go right,

19 left.

20 JUROR 1: That's what we kind of understood,

21 but I wanted to make sure.

22 JUDGE HALL: Yeah. I can't push you toward a

23 verdict or away from a verdict.

24 JUROR 1: Yeah.

25 JUDGE HALL: But -- and I can't -- obviously,



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     can't go right or left or back or forward.
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                                                                        JUROR 2: It was just a -- I mean, you know
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     You-all are in complete control.
                                                                   what I'm saying? That's -- it was something that
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          JUROR 1: That's scary.
                                                                   was made during the deliberations, and three
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          JUDGE HALL: I know. There you go. Okay.
                                                                   people's jaws hit the floor. And we discussed, you
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            (END OF BENCH CONFERENCE)
                                                                   know, should this be brought to the judge? I mean,
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          JUDGE HALL: Let's go back on record. Ladies
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     and gentlemen, we're going to let you-all go ahead
                                                                        JUDGE HALL: That's your-all's decision --
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     and retire to the jury room. Now, we -- is
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                                                                        JUROR 2: So I --
     everybody fine as far as food right now?
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: -- whether or not you bring it to
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     Everybody's -- nobody's -- I don't want anybody's
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                                                                        Would you want me to bring -- would you-all
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     stomach growling, okay? So you know where I'm
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                                                                   like them to bring it to me without you-all to
                                                                   make a determination or decide whether it's
     coming from. As the day progresses, if stomachs
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     start growing, we'll address that, without going
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                                                                   something --
     into detail. That in mind, I'll go ahead and let
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Could -- could -- could
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                                                                   we -- could we talk? Could we talk for a minute?
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     the jury be excused to the -- oh, do you want to
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     come around?
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah.
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          JUROR 2: Yeah. I have a question.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Thank you.
                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Yeah, let's talk about it real
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          JUDGE HALL: All righty. Back on the scrambler
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     if you don't care.
                                                                   quick. Okay. Good deal.
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            (BENCH CONFERENCE)
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: So -- Brian (Inaudible) hear
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          JUROR 2: If there was a statement made at the
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                                                                   what he said.
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    beginning of deliberations by one of the jurors that
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Basically, he said a comment
                                                                   was made at the very beginning of deliberations.
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     would have made them not eligible to be on this
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     jury, is that -- that's -- I mean, this is
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                                                                   Several people, three people plus him, were very
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                                                                   upset about it. And he said that it was something,
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     already -- the case is done now. But is that just
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                                                                   correct me if I'm wrong, that would've disqualified
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     the way -- that's just the way it is, right?
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     I mean --
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                                                                   that juror from the case.
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          JUDGE HALL: Unless it's a violation of one of
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Well, it being a civil case, we
     the rules we've laid out -- if it's a violation of
                                                                   have nine out of 12. If it was a criminal case,
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     one of the rules we've laid out --
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                                                                   I'd really be more upset. Can they --
          JUROR 2: Well, they answered -- they -- I
                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: I -- I mean --
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     mean, that's --
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Can they work amongst themselves,
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          JUDGE HALL: Huh?
                                                                   or did he say something to taint the jury?
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          JUROR 2: That's another --
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Can I --
          JUDGE HALL: If you think it makes this trial
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: What's Jimmy doing?
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     illegal, we need to know about it.
                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Could I -- Your Honor, could I
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          JUROR 2: Well, that's -- I mean, you what I'm
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                                                                   talk to these gentlemen for a second?
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     saving? I lost sleep last night because of that,
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Jimmy probably wants to
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     not because of the facts -- this facts or that.
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                                                                   (Inaudible) away from the juror. Like I said,
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          JUDGE HALL: (Inaudible.)
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                                                                   I'm more uncomfortable with what's going on there.
                                                                          (INAUDIBLE BACKGROUND CONVERSATION)
          JUROR 2: There was three people other than me
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     that were -- jaws dropped.
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: I'm more uncomfortable with the
                                                                  bailiff back there talking with the jurors.
          JUDGE HALL: Here's the deal. Here's the deal.
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          JUROR 2: And we asked should that be brought
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                                                                   I don't...
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     to the judge and --
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: I'm with you. I'm --
          JUDGE HALL: Would have rather it been when we
                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Jimmy, what you got? Jimmy, you
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    had 14 jurors with us, but we're scared now that
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                                                                   got something? Have you got something with the jury
     we're down to 12. You-all work as a unit, and we
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                                                                   that needs -- is there some discussions with the
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jury? Okay.

BAILIFF: Uh-uh.

don't like to disturb. We don't want to disturb

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you-all as a unit.

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          JUDGE HALL: Okav.
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                                                                   judge can submit it to our attention. If some -- if
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                                                                   somebody (Inaudible) last night, then they're --
          BAILIFF: Not when -- not when (Inaudible).
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          JUDGE HALL: Yeah. Well, I -- be careful
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                                                                   then that's a problem --
     talking to anybody, I mean even the weather.
                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: If it's something that we can
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          BAILIFF: No problem.
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                                                                   admonish on, simplify, then we don't need to hear
          JUDGE HALL: Good deal.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah. If it's not a
          MALE ATTORNEY: Hey, Judge. I -- I just think
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     in abundance of caution -- we don't know which way
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                                                                   disqualifying, bias --
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     this cuts, right?
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: I mean, it doesn't sound --
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah. I think we --
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                                                                   it -- okay. That's fine. But it doesn't sound like
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          MALE ATTORNEY: No clue. I think we -- the
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                                                                   something minor. If -- if -- if three --
     Court needs to know what was said, and we need to
                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: I agree.
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     figure out what we're going to do about this.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: -- if three jurors --
          MALE ATTORNEY: If you believe it's
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: I -- I agree.
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     disqualifying, then we can go from there. I mean,
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Who said it? Yeah. When he said
     I don't want the -- none of us want the two weeks to
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    be for nothing.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: If three guys (Inaudible).
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          MALE ATTORNEY: I think we should probably -- I
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah. If three jurors didn't
     think -- I think what we should probably do right
                                                                   sleep last night --
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     now is have the jury not deliberate for a few
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah.
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    minutes and let's figure this out.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: -- it ain't small.
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          JUDGE HALL: Okay.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: There's clear frustration and
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          MALE ATTORNEY: I would suggest -- I would
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                                                                   anger last night with some of the jurors. I think
     suggest this to the group, that -- that the juror
                                                                   we all -- can talk about it all night long. Some of
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     talk to the judge. He can find out what it's about.
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                                                                   them - - some of them are angry about something.
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah, I agree.
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                                                                   I'm not sure, but this might be what it is.
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          MALE ATTORNEY: And then you can make a
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah.
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     determination as to whether or not it's something
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: So I think you probably need to
     that should be -- if it --
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                                                                   find out.
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          JUDGE HALL: Should he do it right here at the
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Well, I don't live in a vacuum.
                                                                   Someone told me last night that one of the jurors
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     bench on the record?
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Well, let me -- do you -- do
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                                                                   was walking up and down Main Street after it was
                                                                   over kind of huffing and puffing.
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     you not think --
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          JUDGE HALL: I think he ought to come here
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Okay.
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                                                                                        We have (Inaudible).
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     and --
                                                                        MALE SPEAKER:
         MALE ATTORNEY: Do you not think -- do you not
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Okay.
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     think not -- we should know, too? I mean --
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Okay. So what do you-all think
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         MALE ATTORNEY: I think --
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                                                                   right now -- we're going to -- I'm going to talk to
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          MALE ATTORNEY: I think he makes the decision.
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                                                                   him in private back in my office.
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     If it's just -- if he believes it's disqualifying,
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah --
     then yes. If he believes it's not --
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                                                                        BAILIFF: The juror who just came up here,
         MALE ATTORNEY: If it's something that's going
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                                                                   ves, sir.
     to bias somebody like --
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Just bring him here to me first.
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          MALE ATTORNEY: It sounds like that's the only
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                                                                        BAILIFF: Or which -- wherever you want to do
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     thing it could have been. I'm just...
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                                                                   it.
          MALE ATTORNEY: -- just someone has -- knows
                                                                        JUDGE HALL: I'm going to bring him here so I
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     them or knows us or -- or has sued somebody. You
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                                                                   can make a record, but I don't hear -- I mean,
     know what I mean? Like, if it's a --
                                                                   I don't want them to hear --
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Sure.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Let me -- let me say this.
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MALE ATTORNEY: -- disqualifying, then the

I think we -- I think he -- you need to ask him if

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    he's comfortable to say it right here, or would he
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                                                                   they were -- they were -- I saw three peoples' eyes
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     rather --
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                                                                   get -- immediately.
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Uh-huh.
          MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah.
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          JUDGE HALL: Right.
                                                                        JUROR 2: And I immediately raised my hand and
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          MALE ATTORNEY: -- or -- or would he
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                                                                   I said, "Why -- can I ask why you let yourself be on
                                                                   this jury?" And two other people questioned, and
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     rather be on the record?
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          MALE ATTORNEY: What's his name?
                                                                   then --
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          MALE ATTORNEY: I think Christian Little.
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Uh-huh.
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                                                                        JUROR 2: -- she changed her story and said,
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     I think he was --
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          MALE SPEAKER: Mr. Little.
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                                                                   "Well, I -- I know -- I didn't tell my family.
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          MALE ATTORNEY: I think he needs to --
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                                                                   I told my husband that after the trial started."
                                                                   And I said, "Me and -- so you're basing your
          MALE ATTORNEY: Christian Little, L-I-T-T-L-E.
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          MALE ATTORNEY: I think he -- I think you need
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                                                                   decision on the first day of trial, you know,
     to ask him --
                                                                   because you -- you" -- so she backtracked then.
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          JUDGE HALL: Mr. Little, would you come right
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                                                                   And then another person, not me, another person,
                                                                   a juror said, "Do you -- you know, do you think that
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    up?
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Your Honor, I would ask him if
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                                                                   we should take this to the judge?"
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    he would rather make it to you on record or
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Right. There is no such thing as
                                                                   a perfect juror. There's no -- none of us are
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          JUDGE HALL: Okay. I'm going to let you tell
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                                                                   perfect. I have to look at myself mirror when I come
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    me a little bit about it --
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                                                                   in here. If I've got to hear a case that I feel a
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          JUROR 2: Okav.
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                                                                   little uncomfortable, I wouldn't hear the case.
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          JUDGE HALL: -- a little bit about it, outside
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                                                                        JUROR 2: Right. Exactly. I just --
     of the attorneys.
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          JUROR 2: Okav.
                                                                   biases into the room.
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          JUDGE HALL: We can do it one of three ways.
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                                                                        JUROR 2: Yeah, I agree.
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     We're on the record right now.
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          JUROR 2: Okay.
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                                                                   answered that during the voir dire if that question
          JUDGE HALL: There's a record being made.
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     I can either talk to you about it back in my office
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                                                                        JUROR 2: That's what that was, the question we
     with the other jurors or just you individually, you
                                                                   asked her was --
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     as the person carrying the message. We can do it
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Uh-huh. Keep in mind --
    back in my office. We can leave it out here with
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                                                                        JUROR 2: We asked if anybody --
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: -- that this isn't a criminal case
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     the tape running where it's all aired out. It'll be
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     this recording, but that's the scrambler.
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          JUROR 2: Yeah.
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          JUDGE HALL: Want to go back in my office --
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     wherever you feel more -- where do you think would
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                                                                        JUROR 2: And that -- this is my problem.
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     be the most comfortable way to address it?
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                                                                   This is -- my next problem is that -- and I can tell
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          JUROR 2: I mean, I can tell you right here.
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                                                                   you because -- I can tell you --
          JUDGE HALL: Okay. Go ahead.
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          JUROR 2: It's not -- the -- the -- I'll tell
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                                                                   feel comfortable -- and I don't shouldn't even be
     you exactly what happened. The person that
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                                                                   making any comments back to you. Do you feel
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     volunteered to be the foreperson --
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                                                                   comfortable right now going forward with the case
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          JUDGE HALL: Uh-huh.
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                                                                   with that person in there once you disclosed it to
          JUROR 2: -- okay, volunteered to be the
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     foreperson, about a few minutes into the
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                                                                        JUROR 2: Well, I mean, it's -- I mean, I just
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     deliberations, she stated, "I've told my family that
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                                                                   wanted to say that's how --
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     if anything ever happens to me, never take me to
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Uh-huh.
     PMC." And three people -- like I said, three --
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                                                                        JUROR 2: I mean, I just want -- I'm not
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                                                                   You-all were on your own. But that -- that -- that
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     going -- I don't want go --
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                                                                   probably needed to be brought to -- out of the jury
          JUDGE HALL: Sure.
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                                                                   room to us. I'll let the attorneys see how they want
          JUROR 2: -- leave here --
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          JUDGE HALL: You want me -- now, I can take
                                                                   to handle that, okay? Appreciate it.
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     what you said to the attorneys.
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                                                                        JUROR 2: Okay.
          JUROR 2: I'm not leaving it on my conscience.
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                                                                          (END OF BENCH CONFERENCE)
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          JUDGE HALL: I can take what you said to the
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     attorneys and let them see how they want to handle
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                                                                   Oh, scram -- oh, if the attorneys could come up.
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                                                                   I think we're okay.
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          JUROR 2: Okay.
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          JUDGE HALL: If they say go forward, we're
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Apparently, the lady insisted on
     going to go forward.
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Do what now?
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          JUROR 2: Yeah.
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          JUDGE HALL: I think we can go forward.
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: He said the one lady -- this is
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          JUROR 2: Okay. And that's just my -- my
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                                                                   when they deliberating -- who wanted to be
     concern, was that --
                                                                   foreperson and after she got to be foreperson she
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          JUDGE HALL: Right.
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                                                                   said, "I've told my family don't ever take me to
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          JUROR 2: -- the first question -- this is
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                                                                   Pikeville Medical Center." I'm paraphrasing.
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                                                                   There's a record made of it. She said, "I -- never
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    between me and you.
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          JUDGE HALL: Now, did she make that statement
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                                                                   take me to Pikeville Medical Center." And I quizzed
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    based on what she heard in the trial, or did she
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                                                                   him a little bit about was that a preconceived
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    bring that preconceived feeling into the courtroom?
                                                                   feeling she brought in, or did she did learn that
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          JUROR 2: Yeah, that's what -- that's what I
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                                                                   here. He said she said -- that was at the first day
                                                                   of the trial. She told her -- she said, "Well, I
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     took it as.
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          JUDGE HALL: It was so early in the trial,
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                                                                   didn't tell all my family, just my husband."
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     that she brought that feeling in with her.
                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: So she --
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          JUROR 2: Yeah, she said that. That's what I'm
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Came in with a preconceived --
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     saying. We hadn't started deliberating. This is
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: And she's the foreperson?
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     after we --
                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: She's the foreperson.
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          JUDGE HALL: I feel -- well, I won't tell you
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: And -- but now, you've got three
    how I feel. I've only got one question. Was it
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     based upon what she'd heard during this trial, or
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     was it what she brought in as a preconceived
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                                                                   opinions. That was what's said to me. I didn't go
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     feeling?
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                                                                   any further. I think it would have been
                                                                   inappropriate for me to ask what impact did that
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          JUROR 2: And then we continued to deliberate a
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     few minutes --
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          JUDGE HALL: That was on --
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                                                                   but I can't.
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          JUROR 2: -- and I --
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah, I know.
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          JUDGE HALL: That -- oh, that was -- did she
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: I hope I didn't ask anything
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     say she felt -- she mentioned something about the
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                                                                   further. I just kind of asked him a little bit
     first -- at the very beginning.
                                                                   about it.
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          JUROR 2: That was before we started
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Your Honor, I don't think we
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     deliberating.
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                                                                   can make a decision --
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          JUDGE HALL: She said that after the first
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah. We've got to talk --
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     (Inaudible)?
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: -- without talking to our
          JUROR 2: She volunteered to be the foreperson,
                                                                   clients. We're going to have to be recessed for a
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     which was -- I thought was strange somebody
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     volunteered right off the bat to be that, you know.
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Sure. Okay.
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     I'm, like, dang, I figured nobody --
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          JUDGE HALL: You-all are a sacred body.
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Can we dismiss the jury
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                                                                   they be free to go about?
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     for --
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Probably free to go about --
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          JUDGE HALL: Now, I need to tell Mister -- hold
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                                                                        MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah. I think that -- yeah --
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     just a second. Do I need to tell him not to discuss
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Okay. Ladies --
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                                                                                         I think -- I think not the
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     with them what he told me?
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Yes.
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                                                                   deliberating room.
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          JUDGE HALL: Do I need to let him know that
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    he --
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Yes.
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                                                                        JUDGE HALL: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen of the
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah.
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                                                                   jury, we're not going to let you start your
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          JUDGE HALL: -- doesn't need to tell them,
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                                                                   deliberations on this day yet. You've been
     that it was private?
                                                                   informally in there a while ago, and that was
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          MALE ATTORNEY: Yeah.
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                                                                   you-all -- obviously, the only -- the only reason we
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          JUDGE HALL: Okay. Mister -- could I have you
                                                                   didn't want you to start deliberation then is
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     come back up real quick? To protect the integrity
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     of the entire -- make sure -- to protect the
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     entire -- integrity of the whole process, because I
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                                                                   say you can't meet until everybody's here. If only
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     want you-all to work as a body, not -- to protect
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                                                                   11 of you met in there, it would be improper. So
     the integrity of the process, anything you said up
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                                                                   you know where I'm coming from. You have to have
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    here, I think we all agree, should not be discussed
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                                                                   the 12 of you as a group before you begin -- do any
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     with the jury in general. What did you tell the
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                                                                   deliberating. So this break is not going to be a
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     judge? What did they say? What - - what's the
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                                                                   deliberate -- for you to go back and deliberate.
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    hold-up?
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                                                                   This break is going to be like we just generally
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                                                                   had. The only problem is you've already started
          JUROR 2: Okay.
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          JUDGE HALL: I think you need to tell them
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                                                                   deliberation. That makes it even more important than
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Page 27 to -- you know, that -- that -- that under direct 1 2 orders of the judge, direct orders, it not be 3 discussed what -- anything said up here. That's 4 why the scrambler is on. 5 JUROR 2: Okay. JUDGE HALL: So that's why the scrambler was 6 7 put off so that they -- it was -- if I wanted them to hear it, we would've turned that off. 8 9 JUROR 2: Right. 10 JUDGE HALL: We're going to keep that body 11 sacred. 12 JUROR 2: Okay. 13 JUDGE HALL: Appreciate it. Thank you. 14 (END OF BENCH CONFERENCE) 15 JUDGE HALL: All right. Back on record. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we're -- we've got a full 16 17 day ahead of us, so nobody get too excited. We've 18 got a couple of administrative matters we have to 19 take care of. We're going to go ahead and let the 20 jury be returned to the -- what's the best way? You-all want to return -- should we have them return 21 22 back to the gallery -- back to the jury room? What 23 would be the most appropriate way? 24 MALE ATTORNEY: Oh, when they come back? 25 JUDGE HALL: No. Or should they be -- should

ever that you not discuss anything amongst 1 2 yourselves or others. Anything that was brought 3 before the bench with a scrambling with one juror present, that is not evidence or anything that needs 5 to be discussed, okay? Those are things that were -- the three of us -- both sides and me agree 6 7 aren't things that need to be carried back into the jury room. Those are not evidence or anything that 8 9 would relate to the arriving at a decision about the 10 case. That's not evidence, okay? With that in mind, let's go ahead and take a -- 15 minutes. 11 12 Let's go take a 15 minutes. Let's take -- let's let 13 the jury come back at 9:40 to begin deliberation. 14 Now -- well, on the return, should we have everybody 15 brought from the hallway in at once? The reason I brought them in here earlier was -- is because I 16 17 knew the attorneys and everybody would be going right by you out the hallway. So on this break, 18 19 they're all going to be in here. So if you-all want 20 to go that way -- if you have to have a cup of coffee, though, you go -- it'd be best if you went 21 22 into the hallway. If you need a cup of coffee,

grab it, and take it on out with you and -- because

we've got a couple things we need to bring up in

here. It would be best if you weren't going from

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30..31 Page 30 1 that door to that door. It'd be best if you were 2 out of the room completely. And I know it's hard to 3 go to the coffee room and back out there without coming back through here. I figured that out, but anyway... So with that in mind, let's go ahead. 5 If you need to grab a cup of coffee, go ahead and 6 7 grab it now in there and take it on out. If you 8 need a cigarette, take it outside. Then we're going to come back here at 9:40 and let you-all begin your 9 10 deliberation. This Court will be in recess until 11 12 (END OF RECORDING) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 Page 31 1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER 2 COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY AT LARGE 3 I do hereby certify that the the said matter was reduced to type written form under my direction, and constitutes a true record of the recording as taken, all to the best 6 of my skill and ability. I certify that I am not a 7 relative or employee of either counsel, and that I am in 8 9 no way interested financially, directly or indirectly, in this action. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19)ameen Shablir 20 21 22 SHAFAQ SAMEEN SHABBIR, 23 COURT REPORTER/NOTARY 24 COMMISSION EXPIRES ON: 01/07/2027 25 SUBMITTED ON: 02/16/2023

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