

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COCONINO

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Dan R. Slayton, Judge
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THE STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN EDWARD JONES,

Defendant.

Cause No. CR 2015-00862

ACTION: Swearing In of Jurors for Jury Questionnaires

8:49 a.m. On the Record in the Jury Assembly Room with Group #1.

The Court, the Honorable Dan R. Slayton, addresses the Prospective Jurors as to Jury Service and the usual process of Jury Selection; however, the Jury Selection process this time will be assisted through the process of Jury Questionnaires that will be handed out this morning. All Prospective Jurors will need to return a second time.

The Court further explains that the Prospective Jurors must be honest with their answers; there are no right or wrong answers. In summary, the Court wants a fair and impartial Jury for both sides.

The Court further notes that the two groups of Prospective Jurors that come in this morning to fill out the Jury Questionnaires will report back to the Jury Assembly Room on Tuesday (April 4th) at 8:30 a.m.

The Court explains the process of excusing Prospective Jurors. Counsel will review the Jury Questionnaires and on Tuesday morning, some of the Prospective Jurors may be called from each group and excused right away. The Court anticipates It will have a Jury on Tuesday.

IT IS ORDERED that all the Prospective Jurors present, at this time, will return to the Jury Assembly Room Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

The Court notes that there are four (4) Prospective Jury Groups coming in today.

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The Court now addresses the financial aspects of individuals serving on a Jury and the lengthy Jury Trial Fund.

Jeff Mangis, Deputy Chief Clerk, explains the process of the Arizona Lengthy Jury Trial Fund that was created by statute.

The Court introduces the clerk who will be covering the Trial.

The Prospective Jurors are administered the Oath/Affirmation.

The Court advises the Jury Questionnaires will now be passed out to the Prospective Jurors to complete.

The Court admonishes the Prospective Jurors not to discuss this case with anyone until they are excused from Jury Service.

The Court further advises that everything on the Jury Questionnaires is confidential and they will all be eventually destroyed.

9:01 a.m. In recess.

10:14 a.m. On the Record in the Jury Assembly Room with Group #2.

The Court, the Honorable Dan R. Slayton, addresses the Prospective Jurors and advises that they will be Ordered to report back to the Jury Assembly Room on Tuesday (April 4th) morning at 8:30 a.m.

The Court explains the usual process of Jury Selection, the obligation of Jury Service and that Jury Selection in this case will be assisted with Jury Questionnaires. The Prospective Jurors will soon be placed under an Oath/Affirmation and instructed to fill out the Jury Questionnaires. Counsel will review the Jury Questionnaires over the weekend and Tuesday morning this Group will reconvene with another Group around 9:00 a.m. in this Court's courtroom.

These Jury Questionnaires are confidential and will be destroyed.

The Court advises that some Prospective Jurors may have valid reasons to be excused and presents statements in this regard.

Valerie Wyant, the Clerk of the Court and the Jury Commissioner, presents statements regarding the Arizona Lengthy Jury Trial Fund and compensation.

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The Court continues to presents statements regarding the Jury Questionnaires, that there are no right or wrong answers and that it is imperative that both sides have a fair and impartial Jury.

The Court introduces the clerk who will be covering the Trial.

The Prospective Jurors are administered the Oath/Affirmation.

IT IS ORDERED all Prospective Jurors in this Group are to come back to this Jury Assembly Room on Tuesday morning (April 4th) at 8:30 a.m.

The Court advises that Tuesday morning some Prospective Jurors may be excused; however, from those remaining, twenty-six (26) random names will be called and Counsel will conduct the process of voir dire.

The Court cautions the Prospective Jurors that, even though they may have a valid reason to be excused, they still need to be here Tuesday morning.

10:25 a.m. In recess.

1:15 p.m. On the Record in the Jury Assembly Room with Group #3.

The Court, the Honorable Dan R. Slayton, addresses the Prospective Jurors. The Court explains the usual process of Jury Selection and that Jury Selection in this case will be assisted with Jury Questionnaires. For this case, the Jury Questionnaires will be a more efficient means of getting a Jury than the normal process. Because of the number of individuals called, individuals have been placed in groups. In a few minutes the Jury Questionnaires will be distributed to everyone and, at this time, **IT IS ORDERED** that no one may discuss this case with anyone until they are excused.

On Tuesday afternoon, **IT IS ORDERED** that everyone in this Group will return to the Jury Assembly Room at 2:00 p.m. This group will be joined by another group in the afternoon.

The Court explains that the Jury Questionnaires contains the Court's questions. When the groups return on Tuesday, voir dire will begin with Counsel. Counsel will review the Jury Questionnaires over the weekend.

The Court presents statements regarding the length of the Trial and that some individuals may have a valid reason to be excused. The Court advises that all requests to be excused will be considered.

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Everything contained in the Jury Questionnaire is confidential and once a Jury is selected, the Jury Questionnaires will be destroyed.

The Court reads an encapsulation an individual's duty to serve as a juror. The Court then explains that the Parties are looking for fair and impartial individuals to serve on the Jury.

Valerie Wyant, the Clerk of the Court and the Jury Commissioner, presents statements regarding the Arizona Lengthy Jury Trial Fund and compensation.

The Court presents additional statements regarding compensation and lodging.

The Court reminds the Prospective Jurors that there are no right or wrong answers and that the Prospective Jurors should be very candid and honest.

The Court is very optimistic that a Jury of fourteen (14) people will be selected. Again, the morning groups will go first and then the afternoon groups for voir dire.

The Prospective Jurors are administered the Oath/Affirmation by the clerk.

The Court advises that the Jury Questionnaires will be passed out shortly, an Admonition is given not to discuss this case with anyone, and the Prospective Jurors are thanked for their service.

1:24 p.m. In recess.

3:05 p.m. On the Record in the Jury Assembly Room with Group #3.

The Court, the Honorable Dan R. Slayton, addresses the Prospective Jurors. The Court greets the Prospective Jurors and advises that the Trial is set to go until May 5. The Court acknowledges that some individuals may be concerned about the length of the Jury Trial. In a few minutes, all the Prospective Jurors will be administered the Oath/Affirmation, the Jury Questionnaires will be distributed to be filled out and then and the Prospective Jurors will be released.

IT IS ORDERED all Prospective Jurors in this group are to report back to the Jury Assembly Room on Tuesday (April 4) at 2:00 p.m. The Court notes that normally when there are a number of groups reporting, a Jury is selected from the morning groups; however, the Court still needs the afternoon groups to report on Tuesday.

The Court advises that these Jury Questionnaires are completely confidential. After Court and Counsel pick a Jury, the Jury Questionnaires will be destroyed.

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If this group is called up to the courtroom, Counsel will proceed with voir dire. Due to the use of the Jury Questionnaires, the Jury Selection Process will be shortened. The Jury Questionnaires cover the areas that the Court would normally ask. The Jury should be selected in one day, Tuesday.

The Court thanks the Prospective Jurors for reporting for their Jury Service and proceeds to read an encapsulation of their duty to serve as jurors.

FURTHER ORDERED none of the questions or the comments contained in the Jury Questionnaires pertaining to this case shall be disclosed by the Prospective Jurors until they have been released from Jury Selection. In essence, the Prospective Jurors are not to discuss this case with anyone.

Valerie Wyant, the Clerk of the Court and the Jury Commissioner, presents statements regarding the Arizona Lengthy Jury Trial Fund and compensation.

The Court presents additional statements.


The Court introduces the clerk who will be covering the Trial.

The Prospective Jurors are administered the Oath/Affirmation.

The Court again advises the Prospective Jurors to return to the Jury Assembly Room on Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m.

The Jury Questionnaires will now be distributed to the Prospective Jurors to complete.

3:16 p.m. In Recess.


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