

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

**[This trial is expected last X weeks. If the length of trial would cause a significant, unavoidable hardship, please explain in detail the nature of the hardship. You should understand that simple inconvenience is not grounds for disqualification from jury duty.] *[for use with trials longer than 1 week]***

1. List all cities or suburbs where you have lived for the last ten years (if Chicago, please identify what part of Chicago, for example, South Side, Rogers Park, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you own your home or rent it? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your level of education/degrees, and where obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your current occupation and employer, and how long have you worked there? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What other jobs and employers have you had during your working life? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please provide employment information for your spouse (if applicable) and any others who live with you, and well as any adult children (**even if not living with you**). \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your primary source of news? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What are your hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What organizations do you belong to or participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you, a close friend, or immediate family member ever had any type of encounter with a law enforcement officer that left you (or the relative or friend) with a strongly positive or negative feeling? If yes, identify the person by relation to you. You will be asked to explain the details during later questioning. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you have any feelings or opinions regarding law enforcement officers that could affect your ability to be fair to all parties in this case? If yes, you will be asked to explain during later questioning. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you, a member of your family, or close friend ever been arrested, charged with a crime, or convicted of a crime? If yes, please indicate: (a) individual's relationship to you; (b) nature of the offense; and (c) disposition of the charge (*i.e.* imprisonment, probation, fine, etc.). Follow-up questions can take place outside the presence of other jurors, if you prefer. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Have you had any experiences that left you with a negative or positive impression of judges, the judicial system, prosecutors and/or defense attorneys? If yes, you will be asked to explain during later questioning. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Do you have a family member or close friend who is a lawyer specializing in criminal law, either as a prosecutor or defense attorney? If so, state the nature of the relationship and whether anything about that relationship has left you with a positive, negative or neutral impression of the judicial system, prosecutors and defense attorneys. \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Are you or is a member of your family or a close friend involved in law enforcement as an agent or officer? If so, state the nature of the relationship and whether anything about that relationship has left you with a positive, negative or neutral impression of the criminal justice system, law enforcement or criminal defendants? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Have you, a member of your family, or close friend ever been a victim of a crime? If so, please indicate when and describe the kind of case or cases involved. Follow-up questions can take place outside the presence of other jurors, if you prefer. \_\_\_\_\_

17. At various times during the case, the Court will instruct you about the applicable law. It is your obligation to follow the Court's instructions about the law, whether you agree with the law or not. If you were to find that you disagreed with the law as given to you by this Court, would you nonetheless be able to follow that law and reach a verdict by applying that law to the evidence? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Do you have any beliefs that would prevent you from sitting in judgment of another person? If yes, you will be asked to explain during later questioning. \_\_\_\_\_

19. Have you or a close friend or member of your immediate family ever worked for a governmental entity (state, federal, city or county)? If yes, please identify your relationship to that person and their position? \_\_\_\_\_

20. This case involves [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY]. Have you had any experiences, or do you have any feelings regarding [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY], their operations, or agents, officers and employees that might make it difficult for you to fairly and impartially evaluate the evidence and render a fair verdict in this case? \_\_\_\_\_

21. The government may call a witness from [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY]. A law enforcement officer's testimony is not entitled to any greater or lesser weight, simply because they are law enforcement officers, than any other witness. Would you credit the testimony of a [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY] representative any more or less than any other witness, simply because that witness works for the [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY]? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Do you believe that because a person has been indicted for a criminal offense he must have done something illegal or he would not have been charged? \_\_\_\_\_

23. The defendant is presumed to be innocent of the charges against him. Do you understand and will you follow the legal principle regarding the presumption of innocence? \_\_\_\_\_

24. The government carries the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The burden never shifts to the defendant, and the defendant is not required to offer any evidence in his defense. Do you understand and will you follow the legal principle that the government has the burden of proving a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you understand and will you follow the legal principle that a defendant has an absolute and constitutional right not to testify and the fact that a defendant declines to testify cannot be held against him? \_\_\_\_\_

26. The defendant is charged with [CRIME]. Is there anything about the nature of the charge that might affect your ability to evaluate the evidence fairly and impartially and render a fair verdict in this case? \_\_\_\_\_