

Dear Potential Juror:

Welcome to the United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois. We sincerely appreciate your participation as a prospective juror and hope that you will find the experience to be rewarding. Whether or not you are selected to sit as a juror today, you are a very important part of our system of justice.

Very shortly, you will be questioned about your background and qualifications to serve as a juror in the case of *Zamora v. Wier et al.* In this case, Mr. Zamora sues the City of Chicago and fifteen Chicago Police Officers who were involved in executing a search warrant of his house. Mr. Zamora claims that they failed to knock and announce their presence before entering the residence and then acted unreasonably in conducting the search, by destroying certain personal property and using excessive force against him. He also claims the Officers failed to intervene to stop this. The City and the Officers deny these allegations.

In order to streamline the process of jury selection, we have prepared the attached questionnaire. Please take a few moments to complete it. Although you will not have a great deal of space for your answers, try to write legibly so that we can read your answers. After the questionnaires have been collected and reviewed, we will begin the formal process of jury selection and you will be asked additional questions in the courtroom. The questions are intended to focus on your ability to be totally objective and completely free from prejudice about the issues in controversy, the parties, and their attorneys. For this reason, it is extremely important for you to be truthful and accurate in your answers in the questionnaire and to any questions asked in the courtroom. Please advise me of anything which, in your judgment, may adversely affect your ability to serve as a juror in this case.

Thank you again for your time and for your service today.

Sincerely,

Sheila Finnegan
United States Magistrate Judge

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS

1. Your full name: _____ 2. Your age: _____

3. Cities or suburbs where you have lived for the last ten years:

4. Do you own your home or rent it? _____

5. Your level of education/degrees (how far did you go in school?):

6. Your current occupation, name of your employer, and number of years employed there (if you are retired, please give this information about your last occupation):

7. What other jobs and employers have you had during your working life (include military service)?

8. If you are married, describe your spouse's occupation, employer, and number of years worked there (if spouse is retired, please give this information about past employment):

9. Employment information about others who live with you (for example, children, parents, roommates), as well as any adult children, even if they do not live with you:

10. How do you usually receive your news: by television, newspaper, radio, or internet? Please identify any news show, newspaper, or internet web site that you regularly watch or read:

11. List any television or radio programs that you watch or listen to regularly, including any lawyer or police shows:

12. List your hobbies and major interests outside of work:

13. List any civic groups or organizations to which you belong:

14. Have you ever applied for a job with a law enforcement agency or security-related business? If yes, specify.

15. Have you, or any relatives or close friends, ever been employed as a police officer, or worked for a law enforcement agency or security-related business? If yes, identify the person, agency, and position held.

16. If you answered yes to #15, do you discuss their work with them? To your knowledge, have any complaints of misconduct or excessive force ever been made against them? _____

17. If you answered yes to #15, is there anything about those relationships that would cause you to be biased in favor of or against police officers? _____

18. Have you, or any relatives or close friends, ever been employed by the City of Chicago, or by any local, state, or federal government agency? If yes, identify the person, agency, and position held:

19. Have you, or any relatives or close friends, ever been:

- (a) questioned or detained by a police officer? _____
- (b) involved in dealings with police officers that left you with strongly negative or strongly positive feelings about police officers generally? _____
- (c) arrested or charged with violating any law or ordinance? _____
- (d) convicted of a crime, jailed or imprisoned? _____
- (e) investigated for a crime? _____

20. Have you, or any relatives or close friends, ever been the victim of a crime? _____

21. Do you have any relatives or close friends who are attorneys, judges, or court personnel?

22. Do you have any legal training or experience? _____

23. Have you, or any relatives or close friends, ever had an unpleasant experience with or filed a complaint or claim against any department or any employee of the City of Chicago? _____

24. Have you or a member of your immediate family ever been involved in a lawsuit or a court-related proceeding, whether as a party or witness (other than a divorce)? _____

25. Have you ever served on a jury or grand jury? _____

26. Do you have any prior experience as a witness in a court, hearing, or deposition? _____

27. Are there any facts or circumstances you believe that the court or the parties to the case should know about your ability to serve as a fair and impartial juror in this case?

28. Will you follow the Court's instructions on the law, even if you disagree with them and suspend judgment until you have heard all of the evidence in this case?
