

May 21, 2019

Dear potential juror:

You have been summoned as a potential juror in the case of *United States v. Nikko Whitehead*. Mr. Whitehead is charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and with carrying a firearm in furtherance of a narcotics offense. Mr. Whitehead has pleaded not guilty to each of the charges. He is presumed to be innocent of each of the charges that have been made against him. Before he can be convicted, the government must prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

In order to streamline the process of jury selection, I have prepared the attached questionnaire. Please take a few moments to complete it. Although I have not given you a great deal of space for your answers, please do your best to write legibly so that I and the lawyers in the case can read your answers. Because your answers may assist me and the lawyers in the process of jury selection, it is very important that you be truthful and accurate in answering the questions. When you come to the courtroom, we may ask you some additional questions.

At the conclusion of the jury selection process, all of the questionnaires will be returned to the Court, and they will not be made part of the public record in the case.

Thank you for your time and for your service today.

Sincerely,

Matthew F. Kennelly
United States District Judge

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS

1. Your full name: _____ 2. Your age: _____
3. List all cities or suburbs where you have lived for the last ten years (if Chicago, please identify what part of Chicago, for example, Marquette Park, Pullman, Rogers Park, etc.):

4. Do you own your home or rent it? _____
5. Your level of education / degrees: _____
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?

8. Have you ever served in the military? _____
9. 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):

10. Employment information about anyone else who lives with you (for example, children, parents, roommates), and any adult children:

11. What web sites, newspapers, and magazines, do you read regularly?

12. What TV or radio shows, TV or radio news shows, and TV or radio talk shows do you watch or listen to regularly?

13. What are your hobbies and major interests outside of work?

14. List any organizations or social media groups you belong to or participate in (for example, union, professional, church, social, fraternal, recreational, political, etc.):

(See back of page for additional questions.)

15. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever worked in law enforcement or a security-related job? If yes, identify the person(s) and position(s) involved: _____
16. Have you ever applied for a law enforcement or security-related job? _____
17. Have you ever been a member of a neighborhood watch or crime prevention group? _____
18. Do you have any close friends or relatives who are lawyers or court personnel? _____
19. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been the victim of a crime? _____
20. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been a witness to a crime? _____
21. Have you ever served on a jury or on a grand jury? _____
22. Have you ever testified in court, or before a grand jury, or in a deposition? _____
23. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been arrested, charged with a crime, convicted of a crime, jailed, or imprisoned? _____
24. Have you ever been interviewed or questioned by the police or law enforcement? _____
25. Do you or any family member belong to any group that advocates against drugs or drug use, or any organization that advocates in favor of legalization of drugs? _____
26. Do you or any family member belong to any group that advocates for or against guns or gun ownership? _____
27. This case involves an investigation by the Chicago Police Department, the Illinois State Police, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Have you had any dealings or experiences with any of those agencies, or do you have any strong positive or negative feelings about any of these agencies or officers that work for these agencies? _____
28. The charges in this case involve allegations about fentanyl and firearms. Is there anything about the nature of the charges that might make it difficult for you to be fair and impartial? If so, please describe. _____
29. Is there anything you can think of that might make it difficult for you to be fair to either the government or to Mr. Whitehead, the defendant in this case? _____
30. **The following question is included because of the nature of the charges against Mr. Whitehead. Any follow-up will be asked privately.**
- Have you, a relative, or close friend ever had a drug problem or been involved in drug treatment? _____