



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Hon. Virginia M. Kendall
U.S. District Court Judge

QUESTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS IN CRIMINAL CASES

United States v. Defendant, XX CR XXX
Month Day, Year

Thank you for serving in the jury pool for the United States District Court. The following questions will be asked of each of you by Judge Kendall to elicit some basic information about you. The judge and/or the lawyers may ask additional questions. If you are uncomfortable answering any question in open court, please indicate to the judge and she will speak with you privately with the attorneys. Your absolute honesty and candor are crucial to a fair trial and are therefore required. Your cooperation and participation in this important process are greatly appreciated.

1. State your full name.
2. State your age.
3. Where do you live? (No need to state the address, just the town or suburb or neighborhood of the city.)
4. Do you own or rent your home?
5. Who lives with you?
6. What is your marital status (married, single, divorced, widowed)?
7. Do you have children? If so, state their ages. If your children are adults, what are their occupations? If your children are married, what are the occupations of their spouses?
8. What is your educational background?
9. Have you served in the military? If so, what branch, year of service, rank, duties, and what type of discharge did you receive? Were you subject to or did you serve on any courts martial?
10. What is your employment for the last 5 years (employer and job description)? If you are retired, what did you do before you were retired?
11. If employed, do you supervise anyone at work?

12. What are your outside interests and hobbies; favorite TV and radio shows, newspapers and magazines? What do you like to read on a regular basis? What types of sites do you visit on the internet?
13. What groups, clubs or organizations do you belong to? Do you hold any position of authority in them?
14. Have you served on a jury before? When, where, and what kind of case? Did you reach a verdict? (Do not disclose what the verdict was.)
15. Have you or a close friend or member of your immediate family been a party to or a witness in a civil lawsuit, administrative action or criminal case (other than a routine traffic case)? If so, please state the type of proceeding(s), date(s), and nature of your involvement (plaintiff, defendant, witness, crime victim, etc.). Is there anything about this experience that would prevent you from being fair and impartial in this case?
16. Do you hold any philosophical or religious beliefs that would prevent you from sitting in judgment of another person or company?
17. Do you have any relatives or close friends who work with or for any law enforcement agency?
18. This case was investigated by officers and agents from the [FBI, DEA, IRS, ATF, etc.]. Have you or any relatives or close friends had any experience with any of these agencies? Is there anything about these or any other law enforcement agencies that would prevent you from being fair and impartial in this case?
19. Do you have any relatives or close friends who work with or are lawyers that practice in the area of criminal law or who are private investigators?
20. Would you tend to give any greater weight or credibility to the testimony of a federal agent or prosecution witness merely because they are employees of or are testifying on behalf of the government? Would you tend to give less weight or credibility to the testimony of a federal agent or witness for the government?
21. Have you ever had any legal training or law courses or have you ever worked in a law office?
22. Have you or any relative or close friend ever filed a claim or case against the federal government or had a legal dispute with the federal government? If so, please state the nature of the claim or dispute, any resolution of the matter, and when and where the dispute occurred. Was there anything about those proceedings or the circumstances leading up to them that you found upsetting or troubling? Was there anything about those

proceedings that left you with either negative or positive feelings about the federal government?

23. If after receiving all of the evidence in this case, you believe the government has met its burden, will you sign a guilty verdict? Likewise, if you do not believe the government has met its burden, would you sign a not guilty verdict?
24. Is there anything about this case, the identity or status of parties, or anything else you've seen or heard today that would impair your ability to be fair and impartial juror?