

September 28, 2020

Dear potential juror:

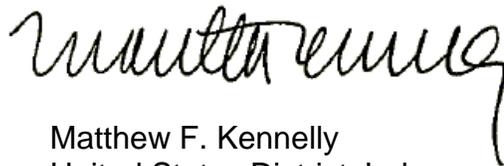
You have been summoned as a potential juror in the case of *United States v. Laderick Murphy*. Mr. Murphy is charged with possession of a firearm after being convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than one year. Mr. Murphy denies that he is guilty of the charge. Mr. Murphy is presumed innocent, and before he can be convicted, the government must prove him guilty 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew F. Kennelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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 say what part of Chicago, for example, Englewood, Bucktown, Rogers Park, Pilsen, 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 or a family member ever served in the military (if so, what branch)? _____

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, significant other, children, parents, roommates), and any adult children:

11. Where do you get your news, for example, newspapers, television, websites, social media, etc.?

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. Do you use social media networks like Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, or Instagram? _____

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

(See back of page for additional questions.)

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

16. 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:

17. Have you ever applied for a law enforcement or security-related job? _____

18. Have you taken any classes in law, criminal justice, law enforcement, or criminology? _____

19. Have you, or any relatives or friends, ever worked as a lawyer or in a law office? _____

20. Have you ever been a member of a neighborhood watch or crime prevention group? _____

21. Do you or any family member own a firearm (gun)? _____

22. Do you have any special knowledge of guns, weapons, or ballistics? _____

23. Have you or any family member ever belonged to any group or organization that advocates for, or against, guns or gun ownership? _____

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

25. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been a witness to a crime? _____

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

27. Have you ever testified in court, or before a grand jury, or in a deposition? _____

28. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been arrested, charged with a crime, convicted of a crime, jailed, or imprisoned? _____

29. Have you ever been interviewed or questioned by the police or law enforcement? _____

30. Some witnesses in this case may be Chicago Police Department (CPD) officers or agents of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Have you had any dealings or experiences with the CPD or the ATF?

31. The defendant in this case, Laderick Murphy, is accused of possessing a gun. Is there anything about the nature of this charge that would prevent you from being fair and impartial?

32. Is there anything you can think of that might make it difficult for you to be fair to either the government or to Mr. Murphy, the defendant in this case?
