

March 20, 2006

Dear potential juror:

You have been summoned as a potential juror in the case of *United States v. Iron Matthews*. Mr. Matthews 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. Matthews denies that he is guilty of the charge. Mr. Matthews 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, the court has prepared the attached questionnaire. Please take a few moments to complete it. Although we 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. Cities or suburbs where you have lived for the last ten years (if Chicago, which part of Chicago?)

4. Do you own your home or rent it? _____
5. Your level of education / degrees: _____
6. If you have served in the military, please list the years and the branch of service:

7. 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):

8. What other jobs and employers have you had during your working life?

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

10. If you have any grown children, please list their occupations:

11. If there is anyone living with you, please list their occupation (for example, children, parents, roommates):

12. List any organizations in which you are active (for example, union, professional, church, social, fraternal, recreational, etc.):

13. What are your hobbies and spare time activities? _____

(See back of page for additional questions.)

14. What newspapers and magazines do you read regularly? _____

15. What television and radio programs do you watch or listen to regularly? _____

16. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever worked for a law enforcement agency, or any other government agency? If yes, identify the person(s) and position(s) involved:

17. Have you ever applied for a law enforcement or security-related job? _____
18. Do you have any close friends or relatives who are lawyers, judges, or court personnel?

19. Do you or any family member own a firearm (gun)? _____
20. Do you have any special knowledge of guns, weapons, or ballistics? _____
21. Have you or any family member ever belonged to any group or organization that advocates for or against guns or gun ownership? _____
22. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been the victim of a crime? _____
23. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been a witness to a crime? _____
24. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been arrested or charged with a crime?

25. Have you, or any relatives, or close friends, ever been convicted of a crime, jailed or imprisoned?

26. Have you or a family member ever been sued, or filed a lawsuit?

27. Have you ever served on a jury or on a grand jury? _____
28. Have you ever testified in court, or before a grand jury, or in a deposition? _____
29. The defendant in this case, Iron Matthews, is accused of possessing a gun. Is there anything about the nature of this charge that would prevent you from being a fair and impartial juror?

30. Some witnesses in this case may be Illinois State Police officers or agents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Have you had any positive or negative experiences with either of those law enforcement agencies that might affect your ability to render a fair and impartial verdict? _____