

THEREUPON, ELEANORE L. GODZWON, a member of the prospective jury panel, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified on voir dire, as follows:

THE COURT: Good morning, Mrs. Godzwon.

MRS. GODZWON: Good morning.

THE COURT: Mrs. Godzwon, is that the correct pronunciation?

MRS. GODZWON: Godzwon. Yes.

THE COURT: Mrs. Godzwon, the lawyers will be asking you some questions here in connection with this matter, and your possibly sitting as a juror in this case.

Would you be more comfortable if you placed your purse alongside the chair?

Is this a new experience for you?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Well, if you will just sit back and relax, the lawyers will ask you questions. Be attentive, please, to the questions, and answer them forthrightly and accurately, and remembering that Mr. Romito -- this is Mr. Romito, who sits in front of you, Mrs. Godzwon -- he must report into the record

your answers to the questions, and each one of us in the room must be able to hear your answers.

Do you understand that?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes.

THE COURT: And remember when you give your responses to the questions, that the lawyers will put to you, that you are under oath in responding to them.

Do you understand that?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Keep your voice up so that each person in the room can hear you; will you do that?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Thank you. Counselor Spellacy or Corrigan?

MR. SPELLACY: If it please the Court.

VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION OF ELEANORE L. GODZWON

By Mr. Spellacy:

Q For the record and for Mr. Romito, would you please tell us your full name?

A Eleanore L. Godzwon.

Q I am sorry, I didn't hear you?

A Eleanore L. Godzwon.

Q Spell your last name.

A G-o-d-z-w-o-n.

Q Where do you live, Mrs. Godzwon?

A In Garfield.

Q What street?

A 12802 Park Knoll Drive.

Q Park Knoll Drive?

A Right.

Q How long have you lived there?

A Five years.

Q Where did you live prior to that?

A 3511 East 52nd Street,

Q How long did you live there on East 52nd Street?

A About the same, five years.

Q Prior to that, did you live in the city of Cleveland?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where?

A 7522 Union Avenue.

Q Are you native to the city of Cleveland?

A Yes, sir.

Q What does Mr. Godzwon do?

A He works for Ford Motor Company.

Q How long has he worked at Ford Motor Company?

A Eleven years.

Q What type of work does he do at the Ford Motor Company?

A Pin grinder.

Q Do you have a family?

A Yes.

Q Will you give us the names and ages of the children, please?

A I have got a married daughter, her name is Bernice Sapp, S-a-p-p.

Q Where does she live?

A 5048 East 88th Street.

Q Now, what is her husband's name?

A Edmond.

Q Edmond?

A Edmond Godzwon.

Q Pardon me?

A Edmond Godzwon.

Q What is your daughter's husband's name?

A Robert Sapp.

Q What type of work does he do?

A He is in construction.

Q In construction?

A Yes.

Q Who does he work for, if you know?

A I wouldn't know.

Q Are there other children?

A No, sir.

Q That is your only daughter, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are you employed outside the home?

A No.

Q Were you ever employed outside the home?

A Yes, sir.

Q And where was that?

A I worked in a factory, Tennee Manufacturing.

Q Pardon me?

A Tennee Manufacturing.

Q Tennee?

A Tennee, T-e-n-n-e-e.

Q Where is that located?

A Now it is located in Cranwood.

Q We are asking you these questions, not to pry into your private affairs, but to obtain a jury that will be fair to both sides, understand that?

A Yes.

THE COURT: Counselor, would you forbear a moment, please? Mr. Patrick has a glass of water for Mrs. Godzwon.

You may set that down alongside you if you like.

Proceed.

Q You were about to tell us your husband's name before, what is his full name?

A Edmond Godzwon. He doesn't have a middle name.

Q Edmond. Now, have you had prior jury experience?

A No, sir.

Q You understand that this is the case involving the State of Ohio versus Sam Sheppard, you understand?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you at any time, read or heard anything about this case, and if you can answer these questions yes or no, please do.

A Yes.

Q Was this by -- I will rephrase that. When was this that you read something about it?

A Twelve years ago.

Q Was it in the newspapers that you read something?

A Yes, sir.

Q And did you hear anything on television?

A At that time?

Q Yes.

A Yes, sir.

Q And on radio?

A Yes.

Q Now, as a result of having read about this case twelve years ago, and having heard about it on television and radio, have you formed or expressed an opinion with regard to this matter, yes or no?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you heard or read anything about this case recently?

A Yes, I did.

Q Was this also in the newspapers?

A Yes.

Q Now, as a result of what you have read recently, have you formed or expressed an opinion with regard to this matter?

A It hasn't changed.

Q I take it then that you still have an opinion with regard to this matter?

A Yes.

Q Now, Mrs. Goddard, is this an opinion that would -- despite evidence in this particular courtroom -- that would prevent you from being fair to either side in this particular matter, just answer that yes or no, if you can?

A No, it wouldn't.

Q Let me make sure you understand my question.

Would you be able to, if selected as a juror in this case, would you be able to follow the instructions of the Judge, and only concern yourself with the facts presented here in this courtroom, and disregard any idea you might have about this case, could you do that?

A Well, I wouldn't --

Q All right, I take it, then, Mrs. Godzwon, that you have a fixed opinion in regard to this matter?

A I did before and I still do.

Q This opinion would preclude you from sitting as a fair and impartial juror, yes or no?

A That's right, yes.

MR. SPELLACY: Challenge for cause,
your Honor.

MR. BAILEY: Join. May we approach
the bench?

THE COURT: Yes, you may.

(Thereupon Court and Counsel conferred at the Court's bench out of the hearing of the jury panel, as follows:)

MR. BAILEY: I just want to
make sure that my rights are saved, because although
I joined the State in its challenge, I would like
the record to reflect what the opinion is, for

its overall context.

THE COURT: The Court recognizes your joining in the challenge, and it is your desire, Mr. Bailey, that this prospective juror be excused?

MR. BAILEY: Yes, it is.

THE COURT: But you are saying, you are making your observation merely for protecting the record as you have previously?

MR. BAILEY: Right. In other words, on appeal, if there is no indication as to what her opinion was, and I claim the presumption is that all the opinions were of guilt.

THE COURT: I understand.
Thank you.

Counselor Corrigan?

MR. CORRIGAN: No comment.

(Thereupon proceedings were resumed within the hearing of the jury panel, as follows:)

THE COURT: Let the record show, that on the joint motion of both parties that Mrs. Godzwon is excused from further service as a prospective juror in this case.

Mrs. Godzwon, before being excused, from the room, the Court wishes you to follow carefully

these instructions.

You have indicated that you have an opinion in this matter, and the Court instructs you that you are not to discuss this case, that your opinion, or what little you know of this case, even with your husband or with members of your family; do you understand that?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And you are not to permit anyone else to discuss this case or its merits or their opinions about the case with you, do you understand that?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes.

THE COURT: And you are not to discuss or permit anyone else to discuss with you until such time, Mrs. Godzwon, as you know for a certainty, you are certain that a jury has returned to this courtroom and expressed its verdict in open court.

Do you understand those instructions?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And will you follow them?

MRS. GODZWON: Yes.

THE COURT: Thank you very much,

and you are hereby excused.

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THE BAILIFF: Mr. Schaef, will you be kind enough to take the witness box, and be seated, please.

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THEREUPON, JOHN L. SCHAEF, a member of the prospective jury panel, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified on voir dire, as follows:

THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Schaef.

MR. SCHAEF: Good morning.

THE COURT: Is that the correct pronunciation of your name, sir?

MR. SCHAEF: That is right.

THE COURT: Mr. Schaef, have you ever been in a courtroom before?

MR. SCHAEF: No.

THE COURT: Mr. Schaef, this is Mr. Romito, who sits before you, he is the court reporter and he has the obligation, Mr. Schaef, of reporting all the questions that the lawyers will put to you, and all of your answers; you