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Friday Afternoon Session, 1:30 p.m., October 28, 1966

THE COURT: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

Ladies and gentlemen, you will bear in mind again the instructions given you on each occasion before and after you leave the room for any purpose, whether by way of recess or adjournment.

You shall bear in mind you shall not discuss this case or what little you have heard of it or know about it even amongst yourselves.

You shall not permit anyone else to discuss it with you, nor shall you permit yourself to overhear anything that relates to this cause by any means of communication.

Mr. Patrick will escort the balance of the panel except those seated from the room.
(Thereupon the members of the prospective jury panel except those previously seated, were escorted from the courtroom.)

THE BAILIFF: Mr. Chapple, if you will take the witness box, please, and be seated.

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

THE COURT: Good afternoon, Mr. Chapple.

MR. CHAPPLE: Good afternoon.

THE COURT: Mr. Chapple, the lawyers for both sides here may put questions to you in connection with the case we have under consideration.

Have in mind that Mr. Romito, who sits in front of you, must report and record all of the answers that you give to these various questions. So will you keep your voice at a point, sir, and speak so that each of us in the room can hear you, will you do that?

MR. CHAPPLE: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And in giving your responses to these questions, bear in mind, Mr. Chapple, that you are under oath.

Counselor Corrigan or Spellacy?

MR. SPELLACY: If it please

the Court.

VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION OF JOSEPH E. CHAPPLE

By Mr. Spellacy:

Q Once again, for the court reporter, would you tell us your full name?

A Joseph E. Chapple.

Q Would you spell your last name, please?

A C-h-a-p-p-l-e.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Chapple?

A Garfield Heights.

Q Where in Garfield Heights?

A 5910 Turney Road.

Q Where on Turney Road would that be, approximately?

A Oh, that would be right near Rockside Road.

Q Near Rockside Road?

A Near Rockside Road.

Q Are you married?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you have a family?

A Yes, sir.

Q Would you give us the names and ages of your children?

A I have a son, Dennis, twenty-five. I have a son, Robert, who is twenty-one. I have a daughter, Donna, who is eighteen.

Q Are they all at home yet?

A No, Dennis is married. Bob is away at college, and Donna is in school, high school.

Q Dennis is your oldest boy, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q Is he living in the Cleveland area here?

A He is living in Garfield Heights.

Q What type of work does Dennis do?

A He is in the Computer Room in the Union Commerce Bank downtown.

Q Approximately how long has he been there?

A Three years, just about.

Q And your next boy is in college you indicated?

A Yes.

Q What college does he attend?

A Ohio University.

Q Ohio University?

A Yes.

Q What year is he in there?

A In the junior year.

Q And your daughter is at home?

A At Garfield Heights High School.

Q What year is she in?

A Senior.

Q Where are you employed?

A Eaton Yale and Towne.

Q How long have you been employed there?

A Twenty-eight years.

Q What do you do there?

A I am a machinist.

Q Have you been engaged in this work for the twenty-eight years you were there?

A No, the last fifteen years.

Q Prior to that, what type of work did you do?

A Tool grinding.

Q Is your wife employed outside the home, Mr. Chapple?

A Yes, she is.

Q Where is she employed?

A Higbee Company.

Q What branch of the Higbee Company?

A She is on the tenth floor.

Q Downtown?

A Downtown.

Q What does she do at the Higbee Company?

A She is a waitress at the Silver Grille.

Q How long has she been employed there?

A Off and on, she has been there for about eighteen years.

Q About eighteen years. Sir, do you know this is the case involving the State of Ohio versus Sam Sheppard, do you understand that?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you read anything about this case at any time?

A I have.

Q Did you read the Cleveland newspapers with regard to this case?

A I did.

Q When was it that you first read about this case, if you can recall?

A When I first read about it?

Q Yes.

A When it happened.

Q Do you remember when that was, yes or no?

A Yes, I do.

Q In 1954, where were you living at that time?

A I was living at 12017 Corlett Avenue.

Q Pardon me?

A 12017 Corlett Avenue. That is in Cleveland, Ohio.

Q You indicated that you had read about this particular case in the newspapers; have you read anything other than newspapers, have you read any magazines or books regarding this case?

A Yes, sir.

Q As a result of having read magazines and newspapers and books with regard to this case, have you formed an opinion with regard to this case?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you, at the present time -- and if you would answer this question just yes or no -- still have an opinion with regard to this case?

A I do.

Q Is this such an opinion, Mr. Chapple, that would prevent you, if selected as a juror, from listening to the facts here and rendering a verdict that would be fair to this defendant as well as to the people of Ohio?

A I would.

MR. SPELLACY: Challenge for cause, your Honor.

MR. BAILEY: No opposition, with the same observation.

THE COURT: Mr. Chapple, since you have an opinion, as you have indicated, the Court is going to excuse you from further service in connection with this case, but before excusing you, sir, the Court wishes to extend an expression of appreciation by each of us participating in this case, including prospective members of this panel who have been called for service such as yourself.

But before you leave the room, sir, the Court is duty bound to instruct you that you shall

not discuss this case or any opinion that you have about it, even at home with your wife and children.

Do you understand that?

MR. CHAPPLE: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And you shall not permit anyone else to discuss this case, the merits of it, or any opinions that they may have with you, do you understand that?

MR. CHAPPLE: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And these instructions, sir, will be binding upon you until such time as you learn for a certainty, sir, that a jury has returned its verdict in this case in this courtroom; do you understand that, sir?

MR. CHAPPLE: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Will you follow those instructions, sir?

MR. CHAPPLE: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Chapple.
You are hereby excused.

MR. CHAPPLE: Thank you.

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