

THE BAILIFF: Mr. Buckles, will you please take the witness chair.

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THEREUPON, JOHN E. BUCKLES, 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. Buckles.

MR. BUCKLES: Good afternoon.

THE COURT: Mr. Buckles, the lawyers that are at the trial table here will be asking you questions in connection with this case, and Mr. Romito, who sits in front of you must report your answers; you understand that, do you, sir?

MR. BUCKLES: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: So you will have to keep your voice at a point where each of us in this room can hear your answers; will you do that, sir?

MR. BUCKLES: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Mr. Buckles, in giving your answers to these questions that the lawyers will put to you or may put to you, you will bear

in mind, sir, that you are under oath.

MR. BUCKLES: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

Counselor Corrigan or Spellacy?

MR. CORRIGAN: If it please the
Court.

VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION OF JOHN E. BUCKLES

By Mr. Corrigan:

Q Will you state your full name?

A John Edmond Buckles.

Q Will you spell your last name, please?

A B-u-c-k-l-e-s.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Buckles?

A 7549 Mapleway Drive, Olmsted Falls.

Q How long have you lived at that address?

A About fourteen years.

Q Where did you live prior to living there?

A On West 150th Street. 3356.

Q How long did you live at that address?

A About twenty-two years.

Q Who, sir, is living with you now at the Olmsted Falls
address?

A No one but my wife.

Q Do you have a family, sir?

A Yes, sir.

Q How many children, their ages and their names?

A I have three boys. One is forty-one. The other is twenty-five, and the youngest is twenty-three.

Q What type of employment is the oldest boy engaged in?

A The oldest boy works for the telephone company as an installer.

Q In the Cleveland area?

A Yes, sir.

Q And the second boy?

A The second boy is working for the Euclid Division of General Motors.

Q And the third boy?

A The third boy is teaching school in the Cleveland Public School System.

Q What is your employment, sir?

A I am supervising foreman for the Ohio Bell Telephone Company.

Q In what area of Ohio Bell Telephone Company operation are you engaged in as a foreman?

A I am in charge of line and cable splicing at setting poles and placing cable in the west district, including the Main Exchange.

Q When you say the west district, what area does that encompass?

A That takes in everything from East 30th Street out to the County line west, County line south, and the separation in Brecksville is out Brecksville Road. I take everything south of that.

Q And north to the lake, I take it?

A That is correct.

Q Now, you know, sir, that this is the case of the State of Ohio versus Sam H. Sheppard?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where were you living in 1954?

A I was living out on the Mapleway address, Olmsted Falls.

Q In 1954, did you have occasion to read any newspaper accounts of this case?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you have any occasion to read any magazine accounts?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you have any occasion to read at any time any books in connection with this case?

A Yes, sir, I followed the case very closely.

Q Did you have occasion to express an opinion one way or another in this case, and answer that yes or no, if you will?

A Yes.

Q Did you have occasion to have others express opinions to you?

A Yes.

Q Now, sir, predicated on what you have read and what you have learned from other sources, do you have an opinion in this case today? Answer that yes or no.

A Yes.

Q Is this opinion such that if Judge Talty were to tell you that as a juror, it would be your function to put that opinion completely out of your mind, and determine the facts in this case solely from the evidence produced in this courtroom through witnesses and by evidence that would be admitted by the Court, if he were to instruct you to do that, could you follow that instruction, despite the fact that you have an opinion in this matter, sir?

A No, not honestly, sir.

Q I take it, then, sir, that this opinion would preclude from rendering a fair verdict, fair to both the State of Ohio and the defendant Sam Sheppard?

A I am afraid so.

MR. CORRIGAN: Challenge for cause, your Honor.

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

THE COURT: Mr. Buckles, the Court wishes to express its gratitude for and on behalf of each of those who are participating in this

case for your willingness to serve as a juror, if called upon to do so in this case, and for the time that you have spent awaiting call as a prospective juror.

But the Court is now going to grant the challenge for cause, and you are hereby excused from being a juror in this cause, but before excusing you from the room, sir, the law imposes upon me the duty to instruct you that you shall not discuss this case or the opinion which you have indicated that you have and that you do have now, with anyone, and this includes members of your family, including your wife; do you understand that, Mr. Buckles?

MR. BUCKLES: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And you will refrain and you are forbidden from expressing that opinion to anyone, nor permit anyone to express an opinion, not to engage in conversation or otherwise about this case; understand?

MR. BUCKLES: Yes.

THE COURT: These admonitions and these instructions will apply, sir, and you will be bound by them until such time as you know for a certainty, Mr. Buckles, that a jury has returned

its verdict in this case in this courtroom;
will you follow those instructions, sir?

MR. BUCKLES: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Buckles,
and you are hereby excused.

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