

Thereupon EDNA I. FRITZ, being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION OF PROS. JUROR EDNA I. FRITZ

By the Court:

Q Do I understand your name is Edna L. Fritz? ✓

A I.

Q I beg your pardon. It is I. Edna I. Fritz.

A That's right.

Q 3620 East 105th?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is it Mrs. or Miss?

A Mrs.

Q What is your husband's name?

A William F.

Q And what is his occupation?

A He is a salesman-driver for Dan-Dee Pretzel.

Q And how long has he been so employed?

A Six years for Dan-Dee.

Q How long have you folks lived where you now live on 105th?

A 15 years.

Q Have you a family?

A I have one son.

Q How old is he?

A 22.

Q If he was here I think we would have to figure out who was the mother and who was the daughter around here. You were here Monday, I take it?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you heard the names of the parties who will be interested and involved and the parties who were introduced here?

A Yes.

Q Do you know any of those people?

A No, sir.

Q Do you know the County prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Cullitan, or any member of his staff?

A No, sir.

Q Do you know the Sheriff or any member of his staff?

A No, sir.

Q The Coroner?

A No, sir.

Q Have you or any members of your family ever had violence visited on them by another person at any time, if you know?

A No.

Q When I speak of your family, I am speaking of your husband's family as well as your own, I include them in one. Have any members of your family, if you know -- are any members of your family or have any members of your family been members of a police department or any law-enforcing agency anywhere?

A No.

Q I take it that you heard of this Sheppard case?

A I have.

Q Have you read newspapers and heard radio comment or television comments, or any of those?

A I have.

Q All of them?

A Just about.

Q All right. And you have discussed this case with people, have you? Have you ever discussed this case with other people?

A Well, I work, so we have discussed it.

Q You say you work?

A Yes.

Q And who are you employed by?

A Halle's. I do office work for Halle's.

Q And how long have you worked there?

A Two years.

Q As a result of conversation, what you read, what you heard, any means whatever, have you formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of Sam Sheppard?

A I have. ✓

Q The cause here is to be decided upon the evidence produced from this witness stand where you are now sitting, and, of course, the Court will give instructions as to what the law is. Could you, in spite of any opinion that you have formed --

don't tell us what it is -- could you, in spite of any opinion that you have formed, be patient and listen here to the evidence that is produced in this case and the instructions of the Court as to the law and be guided entirely by those and arrive at a decision even though it be contrary to your present opinion?

A I believe --

Q In other words, could you change your opinion if you heard the evidence on a fair basis?

A I believe so.

Q Well, that is not quite certain. We want to know whether you can or cannot.

A Well, that I might have --

Q I don't want to confuse you at all. You understand my question, do you?

A Yes.

Q I want to know, if you are selected as a juror and you take your place among 12 people, and you hear the evidence in this courtroom and the instructions of the Court as to the law, whether you could shut out the rest of the world, including your own opinion, and arrive at a conclusion with your fellow-jurors from what you hear here in this case?

A No, I don't believe -- no.

Q You don't believe you could?

A No.

Q In other words, you don't believe you could change your opinion?

A I don't believe so, no.

MR. MAHON: Challenge for cause. ✓

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THE COURT: You will be excused.

(Prospective Juror Edna I. Fritz was excused.)

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