

THE BAILIFF: Mrs. Sloan, will  
you be seated in the witness box.

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THEREUPON, PAULA SLOAN, a member of  
the prospective jury panel, having been previ-  
ously sworn, was examined and testified on  
voir dire, as follows:

THE COURT: Good morning,  
Mrs. Sloan.

MRS. SLOAN: Good morning.

THE COURT: Mrs. Sloan, the  
lawyers will be asking you some questions, and  
Mr. Romito here, must record your answers to  
the questions. So will you keep your voice  
up now so that each one of us in the courtroom  
can hear you?

MRS. SLOAN: Yes.

THE COURT: And will you speak  
out so that the lawyers and Mr. Romito can hear  
you, and remember in making your responses and  
answers to these questions, Mrs. Sloan, that  
you are under oath.

Would you like to set your purse down  
at the side of the chair, would that be a little  
more comfortable for you?

## Counselor Spellacy or Corrigan?

## VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION OF PAULA SLOAN

By Mr. Corrigan:

Q Will you state your full name, please?

A Paula Sloan.

Q Will you spell your last name?

A S-l-o-a-n.

Q Is that Miss or Mrs.?

A Mrs.

Q Where do you live, Mrs. Sloan?

A 1570 Lakewood Avenue.

Q That is in the city of Lakewood?

A That's right.

Q How long have you lived at that address?

A Twenty years.

Q With whom do you live at that address?

A With my husband.

Q Do you have a family, Mrs. Sloan?

A I have a family but they are married. I have a family, but all three of my girls are married.

Q What are their ages?

A Twenty-two, twenty-four, and twenty-six.

Q What is the married name of the oldest daughter?

A Beinhoff, Edna Beinhoff.

Q Where does she live?

A She lives in Avon Lake.

Q What does her husband do?

A He is a turret lathe operator.

Q Does she work out of the household?

A My daughter?

Q Yes.

A One day a week. She is a secretary.

Q A secretary for what firm or type of business?

A Oh, she is secretary for different lawyers. Not to just one person. I forget the name of the place now.

Q She is a free-lance secretary?

A Yes.

Q Your second daughter, what is her married name?

A Dolan.

Q What does her husband do?

A He is an accountant for Erie Lackawanna Railroad.

Q Where does she live?

A She lives on Cannon Avenue in Lakewood.

Q And your third daughter, what is her married name?

A Gronote.

Q Where does she live?

A She lives on Marah.

Q That is in Lakewood?

A Yes.

Q What does her husband do?

A He is an apprentice for a printing company.

Q Does the third daughter work out of the home?

A Yes.

Q What type of work does she do?

A She is a clerk at the Plain Dealer.

Q How long has she been employed at the Plain Dealer?

A Four years.

Q And the second daughter, does she have employment other than as a homemaker?

A No.

Q What type of work is Mr. Sloan engaged in?

A Turret lathe operator.

Q With what firm?

A Champion Commercial Industries.

Q How long has he been so employed, Mrs. Sloan?

A Five years.

Q In 1954, you were living in your present home, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q Do you know this is the case of the State of Ohio versus Sam H. Sheppard?

A Yes, sir.

Q In 1954, did you have any occasion to read any newspapers or see any television or hear any radio accounts of



this matter, answer yes or no, please?

A Yes.

Q Did you get the daily papers in your home?

A At that time I think so.

Q And did you read something in the daily papers?

A Very little.

Q And did you hear something on radio?

A Yes.

Q Did you see something on television?

A We didn't have a television at the time.

Q Did you have occasion to discuss this case with your husband?

A At times, yes.

Q How about with your daughters?

A No, they were too small.

Q Did you discuss the case with the neighbors or friends or relatives or acquaintances?

A No, sir.

Q In discussing the case with your husband, did you express an opinion?

A I didn't, no.

Q Did he express an opinion to you?

A Yes.

Q Going beyond 1954, did you have occasion to read or hear anything about this case after 1954?

A Oh, yes.

Q And again in the newspapers?

A Yes.

Q Did you follow it closely in the newspapers?

A No.

Q As a result of what you read in the newspapers, did you express any opinion?

A No, I didn't.

Q Or did anyone express any opinion to you?

A Yes, friends, my husband, of course.

Q How many friends would you say, approximately?

A Well, about half a dozen.

Q Would three or more of you engage in conversation about this matter on occasion, or was it always just you and some one other individual?

A Well, I never did. It was the others. I would just listen.

Q Was the others composed of just one other individual, or sometimes would it be more than one?

A More than one, yes.

Q How many times would you say you discussed this matter?

A Oh, I wouldn't know, just very little.

Q In the discussion of these matters, did I understand you to say that these people did express to you an opinion,

yes or no?

A Yes, yes.

Q Was the opinion that they expressed to you persuasive in any manner in having you arrive at an opinion?

A No, sir.

Q Is there anybody in your family, Mrs. Sloan, that is employed by or associated with any law enforcement agencies, such as Police Department or the Sheriff's Department?

A No.

Q Do you know anybody in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office?

A No.

Q Do you know anybody on the defendant's side of the table?

A No.

Q Sam Sheppard or Mr. Russell Sherman, or Mr. Bailey?

A No, sir.

Q Do you know Judge Talty?

A No, I don't. I met him just now.

Q Mrs. Sloan, looking over the other people in the jury box, do you know any of those people?

A I just met them here.

Q I see. You do not know them other than having met them here in the courthouse as potential jurors?

A No.

Q Have you, Mrs. Sloan, or any member of your family been involved in a criminal matter as a victim or as a witness or in any way?

A No, sir.

Q I take it you have not had any previous jury service?

A No, I did not.

Q If Judge Talty were to tell you that in a criminal case, every defendant is presumed to be innocent, unless and until the State of Ohio proves him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, will you accept that instruction of the Court and afford that presumption of innocence to the defendant in this case?

A Well, not unless you heard the both sides. That's the way I --

Q So I take it from your answer, then, that before you would presume him to be innocent you would want to hear the evidence?

A That's right.

Q And if Judge Talty were to tell you that as of this moment you don't have any evidence, and though you have no evidence of his guilt or his innocence, that nevertheless the law says that you must afford him the presumption of innocence, do you feel you could not follow that instruction?

A No.

Q As a result of that, do you feel that you would not



be fair and unbiased to this defendant?

A That's right.

MR. CORRIGAN: Challenge for cause,  
your Honor.

THE COURT: Mrs. Sloan, if the  
Court were to instruct you as a matter of law  
that this defendant, as every defendant under  
our system of jurisprudence, at the outset of  
the trial is presumed to be innocent, and that  
you as a juror if you are seated as a juror,  
must give him that presumption of innocence,  
would you follow the Court's instruction of law?

MRS. SLOAN: Yes.

THE COURT: Would you pursue  
it further, Counselor?

MR. BAILEY: Let the record  
show that at this time I join in the challenge  
for cause.

THE COURT: Thank you, Counselor.  
Will you be seated, please, Counselor Corrigan?  
Would you have your seat, please?

MR. CORRIGAN: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Does your challenge  
still stand, Counselor Corrigan? Counselor  
Corrigan, does your challenge for cause still

stand?

MR. CORRIGAN: It does, your Honor.

THE COURT: Mrs. Sloan, the Court wishes to express its gratitude to you for spending these days here offering yourself as a prospective juror in this case.

However, both sides have requested that you be excused as a prospective juror in this case, and the Court is granting the motion that you be excused.

But before you are excused, Mrs. Sloan, you will bear in mind these instructions, that even though you have indicated that you have not an opinion in this case, you will not discuss this case or what little you know of it with anyone, including your husband; do you understand that?

MRS. SLOAN: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And you will not permit anyone else to discuss it with you, nor will you permit yourself to be interviewed or make any statement whatsoever with respect to the merits of this case, Mrs. Sloan, until such time as you know for a certainty that a jury has rendered its verdict in this case in open

court.

Do you understand those instructions?

MRS. SLOAN: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Will you follow  
them, Mrs. Sloan?

MRS. SLOAN: I sure will.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mrs.  
Sloan. You are excused.

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