IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND

STATE OF MARYLAND,

vs. Indictment Nos. 199103042-46

ADNAN MASUD SYED,

Defendant.

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(Trial on the Merits)

Baltimore, Maryland

Friday, January 21, 2000

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE WANDA KEYS HEARD, Associate Judge

(and a jury)

APPEARANCES:

For the State:

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For the defendant:

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(10:40 a.m.)

THE COURT: Mr. Urick, if you would formally call the case at this time?

MR. URICK: Thank you, Your Honor. Good morning.

THE COURT: Good morning.

MR. URICK: State of Maryland versus Adnan Syed, Cases 19910342 through 46, Kevin Urick and Kathleen Murphy for the State.

MS. GUTIERREZ: Good Morning, Your Honor, Christine Gutierrez on behalf of Adnan Syed.

THE COURT: Good morning. We are formally here, I understand, in that you client, Mr. Syed, has requested a jury trial. We've heard preliminary motions. And I understand that you may have an additional motion or two that you'd wish to discuss.

What I suggest in terms of scheduling is that we do the jury selection and then I'll take up any additional motions that you may have.

Jury trial is prayed then, and I've requested a panel of 200. I did so with the abundance of caution that we'd have more than enough jurors. I am not of the mind-set of voir diring a panel, running out and then bringing over another panel and voir direing that panel.

I'd rather have one panel here and to the extent that we end up with more than enough, great.

My expectation is that we will select 12 jurors and five alternates.

Mr. Urick, do you think that should be sufficient?

MR. URICK: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Ms. Gutierrez?

MS. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you agree? Very well.

(Pause.)

THE COURT: It is taking longer than expected, they are having problems with the computers this morning. They're expected to be here by eleven o'clock, and that will suit me just fine since it will take us a few moments.

MR. URICK: When the Court's ready, I have some objections, Your Honor, concerns about voir dire.

THE COURT: All right. What I'd like to do is first start with the State's questions and what we'll do is we'll work our way through all of them and then as you object to any particular question you can tell me what that objection is. I'm just trying to get my computer situated this morning for the trial purposes.

(Pause.)

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