

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

The attorneys for the State and the Defense have agreed to this questionnaire. Only the Court and the lawyers will use the information that you give in response to this questionnaire to aid in selecting a qualified jury in this case. The attorneys are under orders to maintain the confidentiality of any information they learn in the course of reviewing these questionnaires. After a jury has been selected, all copies of your responses to this questionnaire will be returned to the court and kept in confidence.

This is not a test of your knowledge of the laws of Texas. The law applicable to this case will be explained to you.

For our system of justice to work, it is imperative that your answers be as accurate and truthful as possible. Please do not accept the assistance or advice of anyone in filling out this questionnaire. This form should reflect only your opinions. Everyone respects your right to any opinion you express. Please be honest and candid. At the end of the questionnaire you will be asked to swear under oath that your answers are true and correct. Your full cooperation is necessary and greatly appreciated.

PRESIDING JUDGE

DISTRICT COURT
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR JUROR NO: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Please answer each question below as completely and as accurately as you reasonably can. Your complete written answers will save a great deal of time for the judge, for the lawyers, for the other jurors, and for you.

You are expected to sign your questionnaire, and your answer will have the effect of a statement given to this Court under oath. What is needed is your very best, honest effort to answer the questions contained in this questionnaire.

Please follow the instructions and be as open as possible.

You are instructed not to discuss these questions or your answers with anyone until questioned in court.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

1. Full name: _____

2. In what part of the city or county do you live [for example: North, South, Clear Lake]?

3. Your zip code: _____

4. Present marital status: Single _____

Married ____ Date: _____ Separated ____ Divorced ____ Widowed ____

5. Your age: _____ Date of birth: _____

6. Birthplace: _____

7. Your Employer: _____

8. Work address: _____

9. Length of employment: _____

10. Title and main job duties: _____

11. Other than your present occupation, what other types of jobs have you had?

12. How long have you lived in _____ County, Texas? _____

13. Spouse's name: _____

Age: _____

14. Spouse's birthplace: _____

15. Spouse's Employer: _____
Length of Employment: _____

16. If you have children, please provide the information below for each child. Please include information for adult children:

Sex	Age	School or employment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

17. Do you think that concern about your children or dependents might distract your concentration if you served as a juror in this case?

Yes (___) No (___) Possibly (___)

18. What hobbies or activities do you enjoy? _____

19. What is the highest grade you completed in school? _____

College: _____

Course of study: _____

Post graduate: _____

Course of study: _____

Name of high school: _____

Graduate? Yes (_____) No (_____)

Are you presently a student at any public or private secondary school, or in actual attendance at any institution of higher learning? Yes(____) No(____)

If yes, where and course of study: _____

20. Have you ever received any training in the law and/or law enforcement?

Yes (____)

No (____)

If yes please describe: _____

21. Have you, your spouse or relative previously been associated with any law enforcement authority

Yes(____) No(____)

22. Have you or any member of your family or close friend had experience with unexpected or violent death, serious bodily injury or assault [e.g. suicide, family violence, or criminal act] to a relative or close friend?

If yes, please explain: _____

23. Do you believe that the criminal laws of the United States and the State of Texas relating to criminal defendants are too lenient?

Yes (____) No (____) No Opinion (____)

If yes, explain: _____

24. Do you believe that the laws of the United States and the State of Texas relating to criminal defendants are too harsh?

Yes (____) No (____) No Opinion (____)

If yes, explain: _____

25. Do you have any difficulty with vision, hearing, or any other disability that would make jury duty a hardship for you?

26. Have you or your spouse served in the military? Yes(____) No (____)

Indicate branch, length of service, type of discharge, rank or grade held:

27. Have you, a family member, or a close friend ever been involved in a criminal case as a defendant, victim, witness, or complainant?

Yes (____) No (____)

If yes, please describe: _____

28. Have you, a family member, or a close friend ever been arrested for or charged with an offense above the level of a traffic violation?

Yes (____) No (____)

If yes, please describe: _____

29. Are you presently under indictment or legal accusation for any misdemeanor or felony? Yes () No ()

Have you ever been on any type of court ordered probation, or deferred adjudication?

Yes () No()

If yes explain: _____

30. Religious preference (please state denomination and specific church you attend)

31. Please describe church offices held and activities other than attendance:

32. Do you have any religious, moral, or ethical considerations that would prevent you from sitting in judgment of another person?

Yes() No()

33. Do you have any moral, religious or personal beliefs that would prevent you from returning a verdict that would result in the execution of another human being?

Yes() No()

34. Do you now have or have you recently had a bumper sticker on your car?

Yes () No ()

If yes, please describe: _____

35. Prior jury service: civil [parties seeking money damages] ()
criminal () court martial [military] () none ()

If criminal:

	Case #1	Case #2	Case #3
Type of case(s):	_____	_____	_____
How long ago?	_____	_____	_____
Reach verdict?	Yes() No()	Yes() No()	Yes() No()
Set punishment?	Yes() No()	Yes() No()	Yes() No()
Were you the foreperson?	Yes() No()	Yes() No()	Yes() No()

Was there anything in your prior jury experience that either upset or agitated you?
Yes () No ()

Please explain: _____

36. Other than by reason of your prior jury service, have you ever been interested in the outcome of any criminal case? If so, please state the extent of your involvement. Has your interest been stimulated through the newspapers, television, books, hearsay or any other manner of communication? Yes() No()

If yes, please explain: _____

37. Have you or has your spouse ever been a grand juror? Yes() No()

38. Have you or has your spouse, or relative ever received any training in psychiatry or psychology? Yes () No ()

If yes, explain: _____

A. How do you feel about psychiatrists and psychologists?

B. Have you, your spouse, or relative ever been under the care of a psychiatrist, psychologist, or other mental health professional?

If yes, please explain: _____

C. Has a doctor prescribed any medication for you? Yes (____) No (____)

If yes, explain: _____

D. Are you currently taking any medication? Yes (____) No (____)

If yes, please describe: _____

E. If the insanity defense were used in a criminal case, would you be able to listen to all of the evidence in the case, including testimony from psychologists and/or psychiatrists, and return a verdict based on all of the evidence and the law given to you by the court?

Yes(____) No(____)

F. Have you, a relative or associate ever taken anti-depressant or anti-psychotic medication? Yes (____) No (____)

If yes, please explain: _____

G. Have you or has your spouse ever received counseling regarding postpartum depression or other mental health issues concerning birth or parenting?

If yes, please explain: _____

H. Are you acquainted with anyone who has experienced postpartum depression after the birth of a child? Yes (___) No (___)

If yes, please describe: _____

39. Do you consider yourself: Liberal ___ Conservative _____ Moderate _____

Are you a registered voter? Yes(____) No(____)

40. What political groups, foundations, and action committees do you belong to or support?

41. Have you or any relative ever been a member of MADD, CRIME₂ 100 Club, Parents of Murdered Children or any other law enforcement oriented group?
Yes (___) No (___)

If yes, list: _____

42. Have you or any relative ever been associated with National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) or any organization dedicated to mental illness?

Yes(____) No(____)

If yes, list: _____

43. If you do volunteer work, please indicate the organization(s) and your involvement:

44. To what civic, professional, fraternal groups, or labor unions do you belong?

45. Have you ever had any involvement with any organization opposed to or in support of the death penalty? Yes () No ()

If yes, list: _____

46. Have you ever had any involvement with the American Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International, National Organization of Women or any similar type group? Yes () No ()

If yes, describe: _____

47. Have you ever appeared before city council, the legislature, etc.? Yes () No ()

If yes, for what reason? _____

48. Have you ever written a "letter to the editor", an email or letter to a judge, district attorney, or other public official? Yes () No ()

If yes, on what topic? _____

49. Have you written a letter or email intended as a communication for a participant in the Defendant's case, for example, a communication to the defendant or the defendant's attorneys, any relative of the defendant, the prosecutors or the elected district attorney?

Yes () No ()

50. Have you ever called a radio or television talk show concerning the Defendant's case?

Yes () No ()

51. What types of movies do you like the most? _____

52. What is the last book you read? _____

53. What TV shows do you watch regularly? _____

54. What magazines and newspapers do you read regularly? - _____

55. Have you ever been a member of any law enforcement group, such as the crime commission, the traffic commission, the police or sheriff's auxiliary?

Yes() No()

If yes, please list: _____

56. Do you know anyone who works for the District Attorneys Office, or in the Harris County Courthouse? Yes () No ()

If yes, who and how do you know the person? _____

57. Do you know any criminal defense lawyers? Yes (____) No(____)

If yes, please list: _____

58. Do you know anyone who has been to prison? Yes (____) No (____)

If yes, who: _____

59. Do you feel that the Texas Department of Corrections serves the public by rehabilitating inmates? Yes (____) No (____)

60. Have you or any family member been associated or worked with any program dedicated to rehabilitating persons convicted of crime? Yes (____) No (____)

If yes, please explain: _____

61. Which one do you believe is the most important objective in sentencing violent criminal offenders? (choose one)

Punishment(____) Rehabilitation(____) Retribution(____) Deterrence(____)

62. **Check the one** statement that best summarizes your general views about capital punishment (death penalty).

1. ____ I am opposed capital punishment in all cases, and if I were on a jury I would always vote against the death penalty regardless of how aggravating the facts were.

2. ____ I am opposed to capital punishment except in a few cases where it may be Appropriate.

3. ____ I am neither generally opposed to nor generally in favor of capital punishment.

4. _____ I am in favor of capital punishment except in a few cases where it may not be appropriate.

5. _____ I am strongly in favor of capital punishment as an appropriate penalty.

63. Assume you are on a jury to determine the punishment for a defendant who has already been convicted of capital murder if the law gives you a choice of death, life imprisonment, or some other penalty: (check only one)

1. _____ I cannot vote to assess the death penalty under any circumstances.

2. _____ I am opposed to the death penalty but could vote to assess it in a proper case.

3. _____ My decision on whether to assess the death penalty would depend upon the facts and circumstances of a particular case.

4. _____ I would usually vote for the death penalty in a case where the law allows me to do so.

5. _____ I would vote to assess the death penalty in every case that I could.

64. You will find a number of statements below expressing different attitudes toward the death penalty (capital punishment). Place a check in one of the spaces next to each statement indicating whether you more nearly agree or more nearly disagree with the statement.

Agree

Disagree

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| _____ | _____ | 1. Think capital punishment is necessary but I wish it were not. |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Any person, man or woman, young or old, who commits capital murder should pay with his own life. |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Capital punishment is wrong, but it is necessary in our imperfect civilization. |
| _____ | _____ | 4. Every criminal should be executed. |

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| _____ | _____ | 5. Capital punishment has never been effective in preventing crime. |
| _____ | _____ | 6. I do not believe in capital punishment, but I believe it is necessary. |
| _____ | _____ | 7. We must have capital punishment for some crimes. |
| _____ | _____ | 8. I do not believe in capital punishment under any circumstances. |
| _____ | _____ | 9. Capital punishment is not necessary in modern civilization. |
| _____ | _____ | 10. Life imprisonment is more effective than capital punishment. |
| _____ | _____ | 11. Execution of criminals is a disgrace to civilized society. |
| _____ | _____ | 12. Capital punishment is just and necessary. |
| _____ | _____ | 13. I do not believe in capital punishment, but I do not believe it should be abolished. |
| _____ | _____ | 14. Capital punishment gives the criminal what he deserves. |
| _____ | _____ | 15. The state cannot teach the sacredness of human life by destroying it. |
| _____ | _____ | 16. Capital punishment is justified only for premeditated murder. |
| _____ | _____ | 17. Capital punishment should be available as punishment for more crimes than it is now. |

65. You will find below a number of statements expressing different attitudes towards mental illness and legal responsibility. Please check the space that most nearly illustrates your feelings about these issues.

Agree Disagree

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| _____ | _____ | 1. Mental illness can be a "real" disease just like any physical illness. |
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- _____ 2. Depending on the type and severity of mental illness, a person's legal responsibility for her actions should be determined.
- _____ 3. Mental illness should never be used as a legal defense to criminal charges.
- _____ 4. When a person has take the life of another and is charged with murder, I would never accept the insanity defense.
- _____ 5. A person's mental state at the time of the offense should never be considered in determining the legal responsibility for her actions.

66. Please check the statement that most identifies your feelings about the legal defense of insanity.

Agree

Disagree

- | | | |
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| _____ | _____ | 1. I believe the insanity defense is a credible and valid defense in certain instances when a person is charged with a crime. |
| _____ | _____ | 2. I would never consider the insanity defense when a person is charged with capital murder. |
| _____ | _____ | 3. The defense of insanity is simply an excuse used by a defendant and her lawyer to avoid legal responsibility, regardless of the mental health of the defendant. |

67. Is there anything about your job, family, or health that would affect your service as a juror?

Yes () No ()

If yes, explain: _____

68. Please list below anything you believe the court or attorneys should know that you think is important with reference to your ability to serve as a juror in this case.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE RESPONSES AND INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

JUROR SIGNATURE

Juror Number