

Your primary responsibilities as a juror

Rule 2 Only discuss this case with other jurors on your jury

- You may only discuss this case with other jurors, when you are all together, and when there is no risk that you might be overheard.
- You must not discuss this case with anyone else, not even members of your family, by any means, including over social media.
- You must not make statements about this case, or offer commentary about it, to anyone who is not a member of the jury, or at large, by any means, including over social media.
- If someone tries to communicate with you about this case, by any means, inform the bailiff – but do not inform any other member of the jury about it.
- If you overhear anyone speaking about this case who is not a member of your jury, inform the bailiff – but do not inform any other member of the jury about what you have heard.

Rule 3 It is your duty to report a breach of these rules

We are confident that every member of the jury will obey these rules.

However, if you are concerned that a rule has been broken, tell the bailiff immediately – but do not tell any other member of the jury about it.

Thank you for serving on this jury

You and the other jurors have *the* critical role to play in this trial.

You collectively will, at the end of the trial, *deliver your verdict* – that is, your decision whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty.

You have taken an oath, or made an affirmation, to return a verdict based only on the evidence placed before you in this trial. To do otherwise would cause the trial to be unfair.

There are legal rules which apply to you as a juror. They are outlined in this document. We ask you to take these rules seriously. The rules are designed to ensure that the trial is fair.

If these rules are not followed, the trial may be stopped and you, and the rest of the jury, may be discharged. The trial may have to start again with a new jury at a later date. This is a waste of time and money and can be very distressing for those involved in the trial.

There may be serious consequences for jurors who deliberately do not follow these rules.

Rule 1 Base your verdict only on the evidence

Your verdict must *only* be based on the evidence placed before you during this trial, which you are to assess in the context of your collective common sense and experience of the world.

- You must not go searching for information about this trial on the internet, in books, or anywhere else.
- You must not look for information about the defendant, or a witness, or anyone connected to a defendant or a witness.
- You must not look for information about the alleged crime scene.
- You must not attend the alleged crime scene.
- If you hear or read a report about this trial, or anything connected with this trial, ignore it.
- Avoid any social media commentary about this trial. If you hear or read anything about it on social media, ignore it.
- Do not “research” any aspect of the case.
- You must not look up the law, legal words, the alleged crime, or court procedures. If you have a question about any of those things – ask the judge.