

STATE OF MICHIGAN

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT (KENT COUNTY)

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THE PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

-v-

Case No. 93-63014-FCA

DANIEL ARTHUR TURNER,

Defendant.

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**JURY TRIAL
VOLUME VI of VIII**

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DENNIS C. KOLENDA, CIRCUIT JUDGE

Grand Rapids, Michigan - Thursday, December 9, 1993

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5 (At about 10:40 a.m. - The Daniel Turner
6 jury returned to the courtroom)

7 (At about 10:40 a.m. - The Stephen
8 Turner jury returned to the courtroom)

9 THE COURT: Due to the fact, ladies and
10 gentlemen, that it's an hour-and-a-half past when
11 we said we were going to get started, I'm sure
12 everyone has figured out that something has
13 happened, and it has. Just one of those things
14 that happened this morning that made it impossible
15 for us to go forward as we planned.

16 We spent the last hour trying to resolve
17 it so we could in fact go forward, and we haven't
18 managed to do it yet. We think there's a good
19 chance, however, that we will resolve it this
20 afternoon. As a matter of fact, I'm certain that
21 this afternoon one of the two juries in this case
22 will receive argument and instructions, and that
23 the other one will have that tomorrow.

24 I'm going to rearrange my calendar to do
25 it, even though we wouldn't do it on a Friday. At

1 this point, however, I can't tell you which jury
2 will go this afternoon and which jury will go
3 tomorrow.

4 I don't want you to speculate as to what
5 happened. I just want to tell you it's one of
6 those things that sometimes happens. It's
7 absolutely nobody's fault. Things happen once in
8 a while. I'm sure they happen to everybody all
9 the time.

10 When they happen in the midst of a trial
11 like this, they seem to get a luster of much more
12 significance than reality. It's just one of those
13 things that happens, as I've said.

14 So we're simply going to ask you to come
15 back this afternoon. I apologize for taking up
16 your morning, but please, both of you be back here
17 at 1:30. One of the two juries will spend the
18 afternoon working on this case. The other will be
19 sent home.

20 I'd like to tell you which one of the
21 two, but until I work out the problem I just don't
22 know which one it's going to be.

23 Use the jury room if you want. Looks
24 like it's a lovely day. It's supposed to hit
25 almost 50 out there. I'm sorry, I sympathize.

1 When I was a defense lawyer, one thing that always
2 bothered me the most is when we had all these
3 glitches in the trial, I used to think juries
4 absolutely have to hate it. Given all we're
5 asking them to do, it's intolerable to put them
6 through it.

7 Now that I wear a black robe as opposed
8 to sitting there, I realize a lot of those things
9 happen. It's unavoidable, but it doesn't make it
10 any easier to deal with except to say people are
11 cognizant of your time. They are not doing
12 anything to waste your time. In fact, everyone
13 tries to do everything to make it efficient. It
14 just doesn't work out sometimes.

15 So let's see everybody back at 1:30, and
16 I will tell you which one of you can go home until
17 tomorrow and which one will stay the afternoon to
18 finish up your part of the case. We're going to
19 get one of them done this afternoon.

20 Thanks, and I'm sorry.

21 (At about 10:42 a.m. - Recess taken)

1 OFFICIAL REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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4 COUNTY OF KENT) SS

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6 I, Rebecca L. Russo, Court
7 Reporter in and for the Circuit Court for the
8 County of Kent, State of Michigan, do hereby
9 certify that I reported stenographically the
10 proceedings held in the above-entitled cause
11 before the Honorable Robert A. Benson on
12 December 9, 1993; and do further certify that the
13 foregoing transcript is a true and correct
14 transcript of my stenographic notes of said
15 proceedings so reported and transcribed by me.

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