

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION - CIVIL PART  
HUDSON COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. HUD-L-5473-12  
APP. DIV. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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MICHAEL FERGUSON, et al., :  
 : TRANSCRIPT  
Plaintiffs, :  
vs. : OF  
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JONAH, ARTHUR GOLDBERG, ALAN : TRIAL  
DOWNING and ALAN DOWNING LIFE :  
COACHING, L.L.C., :  
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Defendants. :  
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Place: Hudson County Superior Court  
Administration Building  
595 Newark Avenue  
Jersey City, N.J. 07306

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B E F O R E:

HONORABLE PETER F. BARISO, JR., A.J.S.C.,  
And a Jury.

TRANSCRIPT ORDERED BY:

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1 MS. BENSMAN: Yes, it is.

2 THE COURT: -- we'll mark it --

3 MR. LI MANDRI: It is, that's right.

4 THE COURT: -- into evidence. Okay.

5 MS. BENSMAN: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: All right. Let's bring the jury  
7 out, Officer. We'll see what they want to do.

8 (Jury enters the courtroom)

9 THE COURT: All right. All seven jurors are  
10 now present and accounted for.

11 And once again, ladies and gentlemen, thank  
12 you very much for your promptness. As judges of the  
13 facts, I'm going to give you a decision to make right  
14 away. My charge, as well as reviewing the verdict  
15 sheet, is probably going to take a little over an hour.  
16 And given what we've done today in the summations, I  
17 want you to decide would you like me to give you the  
18 charge today, which will not permit a lot of time to  
19 deliberate this afternoon, depending on when I finish,  
20 or would you prefer to start off tomorrow with the  
21 charge at 9:00 and then go right to your delib -- well  
22 it's not -- we have to see what the other people say  
23 too. Would the consensus be would you prefer to just  
24 have me do the charge first thing in the morning and  
25 then begin your deliberations? Is that -- okay. Also,

1 just so you know, and because I don't want you to feel  
2 pressure for deliberations or time or anything like  
3 that, we certainly will work around your schedule for  
4 deliberations.

5 Once a jury starts deliberating I basically  
6 let you control how long you want to go and how long  
7 you want to stay. And I just want to let you know  
8 ahead of time in case you want to make arrangements, in  
9 the event you're unable to reach a verdict tomorrow, I  
10 have no problem, if you're all available, to coming  
11 back on Friday to resume your deliberations, so you  
12 don't have to wait over the weekend. And that's only  
13 in the event you're unable to reach a verdict tomorrow.

14 So just process -- that's a terrible word.  
15 Just, just think about that. And, you know, you'll let  
16 us see how it goes tomorrow. But I just wanted to let  
17 you know that that option is on the table. I don't  
18 want you to feel pressured that oh, if we don't have a  
19 verdict tomorrow. We're going to have to come back  
20 here on Monday.

21 Once you start deliberations you're free to  
22 come on a Friday and, and -- if you're not able to  
23 reach a verdict. I don't want you to feel pressured.  
24 You've given this case so much time and attention, the  
25 last thing I want is to have anything else pressure

1 you.

2 So just think about those tonight. And then  
3 tomorrow morning we'll -- do you want to start at 9:00?  
4 Is that good for everybody? Yes? Then 9:00 it is.  
5 And we'll have my charge. We'll go over the verdict  
6 sheet. And then you'll finally be able to start  
7 discussing the case, all right?

8 So again, please don't talk among yourselves  
9 about the case. Please don't talk to anyone else about  
10 the case. Please don't let anyone else talk to you  
11 about the case. And most importantly please, please do  
12 not try to look anything up that you've heard now in  
13 summations or during the trial.

14 It's so important to everyone involved that  
15 this case is decided only on the evidence that you  
16 hear, all right? So have a pleasant evening. You can  
17 leave your pads on the chairs. I will pick them up.  
18 And I will see you all, and we will start promptly at  
19 9:00 hopefully tomorrow, all right? Thank very much  
20 and have a pleasant evening.

21 (Jury leaves the courtroom)

22 THE COURT: Just stay on the record, Kat.

23 All right. The jury has now left. Please be  
24 seated. For the benefit of those that have been  
25 watching the trial or intend to be back tomorrow, if

1 you're not familiar with it, if you intend to be here  
2 for the charge you are essentially glued to your seats.  
3 That door does not open when the jury is being charged.  
4 So if you don't want to sit here and listen to me go  
5 over the charge and the verdict sheet for an hour, then  
6 don't be here when I start. That door is locked and a  
7 sign is put on the door. So just be guided  
8 accordingly, okay?

9 Have a good evening, everyone, and I'll see  
10 you all 9:00 tomorrow.

11 (The attorneys thank the judge)

12 (Proceedings adjourned to 6-25-15)

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