UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT ON CONNECTICUT

UNITED STATES

3:18-CR-00095(SRU)

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YEHUDI MANZANO

OCTOBER 11, 2018

DEFENDANT'S PROPOSED VOIR DIRE

- 1. This case involves claims of sexual misconduct. Has anyone close to you ever been the victim of sexual misconduct?
- 2. Has anyone close to you ever been accused of sexual misconduct?
- 3. Claims of sexual misconduct have been widely reported on in the media in recent years. Is there anything about this coverage that will make it difficult for you to be a fair and impartial juror?
- 4. Will you have difficulty in a case involving sexual misconduct giving the defendant the benefit of the presumption of innocence?
- 5. In a case involving an allegation of sexual misconduct, as in all criminal prosecutions, the Government bears the complete and entire burden of proof.
 Can you follow that legal principle, or will you be inclined to believe the accuser simply because she is making an accusation?
- 6. As jurors it is your sworn duty to apply the legal principles on which I instruct you to the evidence you hear in this courtroom. Notwithstanding that, you, as jurors, have the right to determine whether the Government has justly prosecuted Mr. Manzano for the crime charged in this case. Are you comfortable sitting in judgment over the Government's decision to prosecute, or will you be inclined to give the Government the benefit of the doubt?

7. Although it is the Court's responsibility, and not the jury's role, to impose punishment, you may learn about the consequences of a conviction in this case. Do you understand that one of your functions as jurors in judging whether the Government has justly proceeded in this prosecution is to determine whether the sentencing consequences of a conviction are fair, just and reasonable?

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