

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL PART
BERGEN COUNTY
INDICTMENT NO.: 09-08-1485
APP. DIV. # _____

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, : TRANSCRIPT
: :
vs. : OF
: :
STEPHEN SCHARF, : TRIAL
: :
Defendant. :

Place: Bergen County Justice Center
10 Main Street
Hackensack, N.J. 07601

Date: May 27, 2011

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HONORABLE PATRICK J. ROMA, J.S.C.

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VERDICT

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JURY INSTRUCTIONS

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1 COURT OFFICER: Jury entering.

2 THE COURT: Just, if you would -- just step
3 over. Remain in this area. Just wait. It will be
4 real quick.

5 (Pause in proceedings)

6 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. Good
7 morning. Everybody here? Okay. I wanted -- I just
8 wanted to go through a roll call and then to send you
9 back to continue with your deliberations. Madam Clerk?

10 (Roll call taken - all present)

11 THE COURT: Okay. Good morning, once again.
12 You will go in back, you will continue with your
13 deliberation. Arrange your breaks and/or lunch the way
14 you see fit. And if you need any assistance or if you
15 have any questions, put it on a piece of paper, give it
16 to the Sheriff's Officer. All right?

17 Sheriff's Officer. You may escort the jury
18 back into the jury room to continue with deliberations.
19 Thank you. Okay.

20 (Jury exits to deliberate at 9:29:09)

21 (Jury returns at 11:57:31 to deliver verdict)

22 THE COURT: Welcome back, ladies and
23 gentlemen of the jury. You may be seated. Madam
24 Clerk, roll call.

25 (Roll call taken - all present)

1 THE COURT: Madam Clerk, you proceed may
2 proceed with the recording of the verdict.

3 Foreperson, please rise.

4 COURT CLERK: On the charge of murder
5 of Jody Ann Scharf, your verdict is?

6 FOREPERSON: Guilty.

7 (Jury polled - verdict unanimous)

8 THE COURT: All right, you may be seated.

9 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, as you must
10 now realize, the function that you have performed is
11 probably one of the more important tasks which you'll
12 be called upon to fulfill. With the return of your
13 verdict, your service in this case is complete.

14 Upon your discharge you are not required,
15 except upon order of this court to discuss your
16 deliberations or verdict with anyone. Additionally, no
17 person connected with this trial is permitted under the
18 Rules of Court to engage you in conversation about this
19 matter or your role in its outcome.

20 All jurors have a right to expect that their
21 communications with their fellow jurors during
22 deliberations will remain confidential.

23 It is also recognized that your period of
24 stay with us at the Courthouse Complex has entailed
25 some sacrifice on your part, but we trust when you

1 terminate your services as jurors that you leave here
2 appreciative of the fact that you have contributed to
3 the criminal justice system.

4 Additionally, I should note that there has
5 been extensive news coverage and upon leaving the
6 Courtroom you may be consulted or interviewed with news
7 agencies. Let me say this. It is your choice as to
8 whether you wish to be interviewed. You may do so or
9 not do so. It's up to you.

10 I will tell you that as a result of any
11 interviews that you may appear in print media. You may
12 be on cable or national TV, so you should keep this in
13 mind that if you are interviewed there's certain
14 information that flows or certain interviews that may
15 appear on national TV, or otherwise. So, I -- I just
16 want to let you know that it's up to you.

17 This is a little different than most cases,
18 so I wanted to make sure that you leave here with the
19 understanding that it is entirely up to you. Okay?

20 With that information, the jury is
21 discharged.

22 (Jury exits Courtroom)

23 THE COURT: All right. Counsel, any
24 application? Sentencing date will be July 8th. All
25 right. Defendant is remanded pending sentencing.

1 MR. MELLO: The State moves to revoke bail.

2 THE COURT: Revoke the bail. He will be
3 remanded to the Bergen County Jail without bail,
4 pending sentencing. All right.

5 MR. MELLO: Thank you, Judge.

6 (Proceedings Concluded)

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