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Ladies and gentlemen,

You are now the jury in this case, and I want to take a few minutes to tell you something about your duties as jurors and to give you some instructions. At the end of the trial, I will give you more detailed instructions. Those instructions will control your deliberations.

One of my duties is to decide all questions of law and procedure. From time to time during the trial and at the end of the trial, I will instruct you on the rules of law that you must follow in making your decision. You should not take anything I may say or do during the trial as indicating what I think of the evidence or what your verdict should be.

The trial will proceed in the following manner: First, the State's attorney may make an opening statement. Next, Defendant's attorney may make an opening statement.

An opening statement is not evidence but is simply a summary of what the attorney expects the evidence to be. After the opening statements, the State will call witnesses and present evidence. Then, the Defendant will have an opportunity to call witnesses and present evidence. After the parties' main cases are completed, the State may be permitted to present rebuttal evidence. After the evidence has been presented, I will instruct you on the law that applies to the case and the attorneys will make closing arguments. After that, you will go to the jury room to deliberate on your verdict.