

FBT-CR20-0336785-T : SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT : JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT
v. : AT BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT
NICHOLAS ROBERT HALL : FEBRUARY 20, 2025

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE THE HONORABLE PETER A. MCSHANE, JUDGE
AND JURY

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1 THE COURT: No need -- no need to open up. All
2 right. We're on the record on State of Connecticut
3 versus, Nicholas Hall, CR20-0336785. The lawyers
4 have been excused from being here. The jury is in
5 deliberation. It -- the time is 9:16. They've been
6 -- they've -- they have all the evidence. They've
7 been back -- back there since 9:10 deliberating, and
8 we'll let -- we'll keep everyone posted. So
9 everybody stand by to stand by. Thank you, everyone.
10 Recess, please.

11 (Court in Recess.)

12 THE COURT: Good morning everyone. Please be
13 seated. We are -- we are back on the record, State
14 of Connecticut versus Nicholas Halls. The party are
15 -- parties are present. Mr. Hall is here. The jury
16 has a note. The parties have been made aware of it.
17 Court Exhibit 31, Good morning, Your Honor. Can we
18 have the testimony of LT? Thank you. Signed by the
19 foreperson.

20 Madam monitor has called it up. It is how long?
21 Forty --

22 THE MONITOR: It's about 90 something minutes
23 total.

24 THE COURT: Yeah. It's -- I think it's just
25 less than 90 minutes with that direct, redirect.
26 Okay. Okay. So we'll -- we'll bring them in and --
27 and -- and do it from the oath, right to the end.

1 Unless -- they raise their hand, but they're going to
2 hear it all, unless otherwise indicated up there.
3 Thank you. Bring in the jury, please.

4 (The Jury Panel enters the Courtroom.)

5 THE COURT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.
6 Will counsel stipulate to the presence of the full
7 jury?

8 ATTY. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor.

9 ATTY. BERKE: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, you
11 handed a note, can we have the testimony of LT? The
12 answer is yes. We're going to play it now in its
13 entirety. So if you just be aware that -- I just
14 want to say this. It's about 90 minutes in length,
15 so we're to go right through. I will say this, there
16 are some gaps in there. If you recall, at -- at some
17 time, there were some headphones put on. So you --
18 you're going to hear gaps, you're going to say, what
19 the heck is that all about? The -- that -- that's
20 what it was about, but you'll remember.

21 UNIDENTIFIED JUROR: May I use the restroom
22 first?

23 THE COURT: Oh, yeah. Sure.

24 UNIDENTIFIED JUROR: Your Honor, quick question?
25 So any audio that we ask for, we have to hear it in
26 front of the -- in front of the --

27 THE COURT: That -- that's the way we do it.

1 Sorry.

2 UNIDENTIFIED JUROR: Okay. (Indiscernible)

3 THE COURT: The -- the question -- I'm not sure
4 if that was picked up, was --

5 UNIDENTIFIED JUROR: Because we thought we we're
6 just going to hear it in there. So we apologize to
7 any --

8 The project.

9 THE COURT: Did you pick that all up?

10 THE MONITOR: I think so.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 THE MONITOR: She was loud enough. And, Your
13 Honor, I just need a second when he comes
14 (Indiscernible) to flip over to the other day's
15 notes. It wont be long, but I just --

16 THE COURT: Yeah. We'll just need a second.
17 She has to flip over to the archive tape to do that.
18 All right. And you don't have to go on for this, but
19 I'm -- I'm just going to tell you, its -- its off the
20 record, because I don't want her to switch back. If
21 -- just raise your hand if you don't hear anything at
22 -- that's one.

23 And second, I sound a lot better than that in
24 real life, than I do on tape. Which you've already
25 figured out. So if you could just, go ahead.

26 (Playback of LT testimony)

27 THE COURT: Pause it, please. The jurors ask

1 that we pause it for just a moment, so we'll pause
2 it. Do -- do you want to take -- all take five
3 minutes together? Sure. Can we go on the record for
4 just a minute?

5 THE MONITOR: We are, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Okay. We're -- we're back on the
7 record. The -- the jury, during playback, wanted to
8 use the facilities. They signaled to me, that's why
9 we took a break. So they -- they -- one was going,
10 and the other one was going, another one was going
11 out so I said they could all go back, and we'll come
12 back five minutes from now. So if you don't mind
13 waiting here folks.

14 THE MONITOR: Do you want me to go off --

15 THE COURT: And we can go off the record now.
16 Everybody stay seated.

17 (Court in Recess.)

18 THE COURT: Can we go back on the record,
19 please?

20 THE MONITOR: It's playing what's happening now.
21 Sorry.

22 THE COURT: Oh.

23 THE MONITOR: Sorry. It switched from the
24 (Indiscernible).

25 THE COURT: All right. We're -- we're back on
26 the record. Will counsel stipulate to the presence
27 of the full jury?

1 ATTY. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor.

2 ATTY. BERKE: Yes.

3 THE COURT: All right. You may proceed, please.

4 THE MONITOR: Just give me one second to switch
5 over.

6 (Playback of LT testimony continues.)

7 THE COURT: Whenever you're ready. All right.
8 We're back on the record. Thank you very much ladies
9 and gentlemen. Just -- the marshal will be right
10 outside your door. Thank you.

11 Okay. Well we'll take a recess. Standby, and
12 standby. Thank you, everyone.

13 (Court in Recess.)

14 THE COURT: We're not on the record yet. So --

15 THE MONITOR: It was user error on my part.
16 Sorry. Okay, Your Honor --

17 THE COURT: You're all set?

18 THE MONITOR: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Now we're back on the record. State
20 of Connecticut versus Nicholas Hall. It's 20 to
21 five. The jury has deliberated for -- for -- all
22 day, really. They -- they've started at 09:13, I
23 believe, the time was. So, we just want to make sure
24 we have all the evidence, and if you could bring the
25 jury in.

26 (The Jury Panel enters the Courtroom.)

27 THE COURT: Hold on, You -- you -- Mr. Wong,

1 you're just going to have to sit over here for a sec.
2 Sorry. Of course. That's all right. I got to get
3 my usual --

4 MR. WONG: I thought we were leaving.

5 UNIDENTIFIED PARTY: We are.

6 THE COURT: You -- you are, but I have to -- I
7 have to give my usual speech. You almost did it.
8 (Indiscernible) security here. There's two more --
9 two more guys you had to get by.

10 Hi. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. So,
11 I -- I had you come in today only because, we -- we
12 have to go back and account for all the evidence.
13 And I'm -- I'm sure it's all there, but -- but that's
14 what we do every night. So -- so I am -- I'm
15 breaking you out -- out today. What time did you
16 want to come back tomorrow?

17 UNIDENTIFIED JUROR: 09:30.

18 THE COURT: 9:30?

19 UNIDENTIFIED JUROR: Yes.

20 THE COURT: So -- so it is, 9:30. If you meet
21 upstairs on the Seventh Floor, we'll bring you down,
22 but I have to give you that same warning. Mr. Wong
23 almost for -- you know, tried to get away from it.
24 But please do not make up your mind or form any
25 opinions about the evidence you've heard so far. Do
26 not discuss it unless all six of you are in the same
27 room at the same time. Please do not seek out any

1 information outside the courtroom related to the case
2 or the evidence you've heard so far, and don't do any
3 independent examination or go to the scene. Don't do
4 any independent research.

5 Remember, evidence comes from two important
6 pieces, court sworn testimony as well as properly
7 introduced exhibits. And, again, you can only
8 deliberate about this case when all six of you were
9 in that room, the Deliberation Room, at the same
10 time.

11 I'll send you on your way, and hope to see you
12 all -- all tomorrow. Oh. Did council stipulate as
13 to the presence of the jurors?

14 ATTY. BERKE: Yes.

15 ATTY. DAVIS: We will, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 THE CLERK: And notebooks.

18 THE COURT: Okay. And the notebooks are all in
19 there?

20 JURY PANEL: Yes.

21 THE COURT: You -- you guys got it. Thanks.
22 Have a great day. Now you can leave, Mr. Wong.
23 Don't tackle him this time.

24 (The Jury Panel exits the Courtroom.)

25 THE COURT: All set? Okay. So, you heard,
26 9:30. Again, you don't have to be here. I'll --
27 I'll send them in on their own, and Attorney Berke,

1 let me know what you want to do with regards to
2 Attorney Smriga.

3 ATTY. BERKE: Okay. I will.

4 THE COURT: Good -- good luck in Milford.

5 ATTY. BERKE: Thanks.

6 THE COURT: Thank you. We'll adjourn for the
7 day. Marshal.

8 (End of Proceedings.)

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