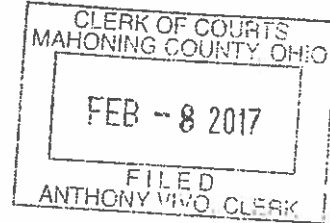


IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO)
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 Plaintiff)
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 -vs-)
)
 ROBERT SEMAN)
)
 Defendant)

CASE NO. 15 CR 562
JUDGMENT ENTRY



This matter came before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Disqualify the Juror Pool, Declare a Mistrial, Discharge the Jury, and Change of Venue (Motion #66¹). The State of Ohio filed A Response and the Court held oral arguments on the matter. The Court held has reviewed both briefs and the relevant case law.

The Court issued a Judgement Entry dated February 7, 2017, stating that individual voir dire would commence on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, and then reassess the Motion based upon the potential jurors' oral responses. The Court had grave concerns at the conclusion of the hearing on this Motion. The Court reviewed approximately fifty more of the potential jurors' questionnaires and found that Defense counsel's argument continued throughout.

This Court strives to be non-judgmental and objective in every case. The fact that the Defendant is accused of very serious crimes cannot and will not be considered by this Court in making any decision. However, the premium on impartiality is nowhere greater than in a

¹ Defendant's Motion is numbered in error. Motion #66 has been previously filed and is captioned Defendant's Supplemental Request for Discovery. Defendant's current Motion is actually Motion # 67.

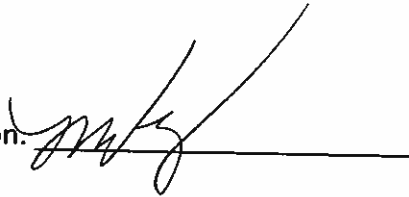
capital case where a jury might impose a death penalty. This Court has a duty to protect the Defendant from anything that would render the jury and its verdict compromised.

Therefore, in order to ensure the Defendant a fair and impartial jury, this Court sustains Defendant's Motion for Change of Venue.

All parties are ordered to return jury questionnaires to the Court by 12:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2017.

February 18, 2017

Hon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MS', is written over a solid horizontal line.

MAUREEN A. SWEEENEY