

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2007-00033-CFA
JUDGE HUDSON

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CORNELIUS OZELL BAKER,
Defendant.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS

You are a potential juror for the trial of Cornelius Ozell Baker to determine whether he should be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole or death. In order to learn more about you, the Court and the lawyers have agreed to submit questions to you in writing. When the formal jury selection process begins in the court the lawyers or the judge may ask you about some of your answers.

Your answers to the following questions are very important. Although some of the questions are personal in nature, please be assured that they are necessary to the process, and that the court participants will keep all of your answers confidential. The sole purpose of the questionnaire is to help the prosecution and the defense select a fair and impartial jury. Please do not give “politically correct” answers or what you think the court or lawyers want to hear. All that is sought is your open and honest responses, whatever they may be.

It is not our intent to embarrass anyone. These questions could be asked in open court. The answers you give here will become part of the Court's public record and will be used by the judge and lawyers to assist in selecting a qualified jury. Rather than answering in writing,

however, you have the right to request a private hearing with the judge and attorneys to answer specific sensitive questions.

If you wish to make further comments regarding any of your answers, please do so on the pages entitled "Additional Responses" attached to the end of this questionnaire and identify each additional response by the appropriate page and question number.

As you answer the questions that follow, please keep in mind that there are no "right" or "wrong" answers, only complete and incomplete answers. Complete answers are far more helpful than incomplete answers because they make long and tiresome questioning unnecessary and, by doing that, they shorten the time it takes to select a jury. Please **PRINT** your answers legibly. Please take all the time necessary to answer every question as fully and honestly as possible. Your complete written answers will save a great deal of time for the judge, for the lawyers, for your fellow jurors, and for you.

If you need more space to answer any questions more completely, there are blank pages at the end of the Questionnaire for you to use. Please indicate at the end of any of your answers if you are continuing your answer. Also, when you are using these blank pages, please indicate the question number for each continued answer.

Sign your questionnaire when you are finished. Your answers will have the effect of a statement given to the Court under oath.

1. Are you, or have you been a member of any organization that takes a position one-way or the other on the death penalty? **(Circle one)** YES NO
If so, what organization(s)?

2. What are your general feelings about the death penalty?

3. What are your general feelings about life imprisonment without the possibility of parole?

4. Which would you say most accurately states your position on the death penalty: **(Circle one)**

Strongly in Favor Strongly Opposed Somewhat in Favor
Somewhat Opposed Neutral

Please explain?

5. Do you think the death penalty in the United States is used too often, about right, or too seldom?

Too often _____ About right _____ Too seldom _____

Please explain:

6. Do you believe in the concept “an eye for an eye” and “a life for a life” with respect to the death penalty as punishment for intentional murder?

Yes _____ No _____

Please explain:

7. Which of the following best describes your opinion of the death penalty? (**CHECK ONLY ONE**) If none of the options listed reflects your opinion

regarding the death penalty, please describe your personal view of the death penalty in the space provided.

- _____ I would never vote to impose the death penalty, regardless of the evidence
- _____ I generally oppose the death penalty but could vote in favor of it under certain circumstances.

_____ I support the death penalty but would vote to impose it only in specific circumstances.

_____ I would always vote to impose the death penalty in an intentional murder case, regardless of the evidence

8. For what type of crimes, if any, do you believe the death penalty is the only appropriate penalty?

9. Are there any crimes that you personally find so horrible that you think that death should automatically imposed? **(Circle one)** YES NO

If YES, please explain why:

10. There are no circumstances under which a jury is instructed by the court to return a verdict of death. No matter what the evidence shows, the jury is always given the option in the penalty phase of choosing life without the possibility of parole.

(a) Given the fact that you will have two options available to you; can you see yourself, in the appropriate case, rejecting the death penalty and choosing life imprisonment without the possibility of parole? **(Circle one)**

YES

NO

(b) Given the fact that you have two options available to you; can you see yourself in the appropriate case, rejecting life imprisonment without the possibility of parole and choosing the death penalty instead? **(Circle one)**

YES

NO

11. When a judge sentences a defendant to life in prison without the possibility of parole, what does that mean to you or what do you understand that to mean?

12. Regarding the statement: “Anyone who intentionally kills another person should always get the death penalty.” Do you **(Circle one)**

Strongly agree

Strongly disagree

Agree somewhat

Disagree somewhat

Please explain:

13. Do you believe that a person’s background (e.g., his or her child rearing and experiences growing up) does not matter when it comes to whether or not he or she should be sentenced to death for a deliberate, intentional murder? **(Circle one)**

YES

NO

14. Do you believe that background information about a defendant is something relevant to the jury’s consideration of penalty **(Circle one)**:

Probably

Possibly

Unsure

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been furnished by e-service delivery to the Office of the State Attorney, eserviceflagler@sao7.org this 29th day of October, 2019

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