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STATE OF WISCONSIN: CIRCUIT COURT: ST. CROIX COUNTY:

STATE OF WISCONSIN,)
) CASE NO: 22 CF 518
Plaintiff,)
) CASE TYPE:
vs.) CRIMINAL
)
NICOLAE MIU,) PREPARED FOR:
) **ORIGINAL**
Defendant.)
)
)

Hudson, Wisconsin
April 11, 2024

BEFORE THE HONORABLE R. MICHAEL WATERMAN

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

JURY TRIAL - DAY 9

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APPEARANCES:

KARL E. ANDERSON, ESQ., District Attorney,
appeared on behalf of the Plaintiff.

BRIAN SMESTAD, ESQ., Deputy District Attorney,
appeared on behalf of the Plaintiff.

AARON A. NELSON, ESQ., Nelson Defense Group, LLC,
appeared on behalf of the DEFENDANT, who was present.

COREY CHIRAFISI, ESQ., Chirafisi Law Office, S.C.,
appeared on behalf of the Defendant.

INVESTIGATOR JOHN SHILTS, JR., and LIEUTENANT
BRANDIE HART, were present.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Whereupon, the following proceedings commenced
in open court.)

(Whereupon, the jury enters the courtroom.)

THE COURT: We are back on the record in State of
Wisconsin versus Nicolae Miu. The attorneys are both --
both sides of the attorneys are present, Mr. Miu is
present, 12 jurors are present.

When we left off yesterday we were told
that the jury wanted to view a portion of the Jawahn
Cockfield video again.

Mr. Anderson, do you have it cued up?

MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

THE COURT: All right.

Mr. Chirafisi, do you -- or Mr. Nelson, you
consulted about the right spot to start from?

MR. CHIRAFISI: We did, Judge.

THE COURT: Perfect.

All right. Let's get up the monitor and
then we can hit play.

Monitor's working for everyone?

THE JUROR: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay.

1 Please begin.

2 MR. ANDERSON: Oh, sorry. We can take it down.
3 I got to reboot it.

4 Okay.

5 (Whereupon, the video was started.)

6 THE COURT: Please stop so we have audio.

7 MR. ANDERSON: All right.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 (Whereupon, the video was played.)

10 THE COURT: Does anybody need to see it again?

11 (No response.) Okay. I'm seeing no indications.

12 Please take the jury out. Please continue
13 your deliberations.

14 (Whereupon, the jury exits the courtroom.)

15 THE COURT: Is there anything else for the record
16 while we're assembled?

17 MR. ANDERSON: No.

18 MR. CHIRAFISI: (Non-verbal response.)

19 THE COURT: All right. That's all. We are in
20 recess.

21 (Whereupon, a break was held.)

22 THE COURT: All right. We are back in session on
23 the record in State of Wisconsin versus Nicolae Miu. The
24 attorneys are present with Mr. Miu, 12 jurors are in the
25 courtroom.

1 Mr. Ashlin, I understand you are the
2 foreperson?

3 THE FOREPERSON: Correct.

4 THE COURT: Did your jury reach a verdict?

5 THE FOREPERSON: We have.

6 THE COURT: Did you reach a verdict on each of
7 the six counts?

8 THE FOREPERSON: Yes, we did.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Please hand the verdict forms
10 to the bailiff.

11 Verdicts read as follows: As to Count 1 of
12 the Information, Isaac Schuman: The Jury finds Nicolae
13 Miu guilty of first-degree reckless homicide, as
14 submitted.

15 Question: Did Mr. Miu commit the crime
16 while using a dangerous weapon? Answer: Yes.

17 As to Count 2 of the Information, Alexander
18 Martin: The Jury finds Nicolae Miu guilty of first-degree
19 recklessly endangering safety, as submitted.

20 Did Mr. Miu commit the crime while using a
21 dangerous weapon? Answer: Yes.

22 As to Count 3 of the Information, Dante
23 Carlson: The Jury finds Nicolae Miu guilty of
24 first-degree recklessly endangering safety, as submitted.

25 Did Mr. Miu commit the crime while using a

1 dangerous weapon? Answer: Yes.

2 As to Count 4 of the Information, Anthony
3 Carlson: The Jury finds Nicolae Miu guilty of
4 first-degree recklessly endangering safety, as submitted.

5 Did Mr. Miu commit the crime while using a
6 dangerous weapon? Answer: Yes.

7 As to Count 5 of the Information, Ryhley
8 Mattison: The Jury finds Nicolae Miu guilty of
9 first-degree recklessly endangering safety, as submitted.

10 Did Mr. Miu commit the crime while using a
11 dangerous weapon? Answer: Yes.

12 As to Count 6 of the Information, Madison
13 Coen: The Jury finds Nicolae Miu guilty of battery, as
14 charged.

15 Did Mr. Miu commit the crime while using a
16 dangerous weapon? Answer: Yes.

17 Members of the jury, I do have to verify
18 that this is in fact a unanimous verdict. So I'm going to
19 ask each of you if I correctly read the verdict and if you
20 agree with it. So when I call your name, if you agree
21 with the verdict that I read, please answer by saying yes.
22 If you disagree with the verdict, you can answer by saying
23 no.

24 JURY POLL

25 BY THE COURT:

1 Q. Ms. Navarro, do you agree with the verdict that I
2 read?

3 A. Yes, Your Honor.

4 Q. All right. Mr. Cook, do you agree with the
5 verdict that I read?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Mr. Snell, do you agree with the verdict that I
8 read?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Ms. Pelzel, do you agree with the verdict that I
11 read?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Mr. Willey, do you agree with the verdict that I
14 read?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Ms. Knapp, do you agree with the verdict that I
17 read?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Mr. Diedrich, do you agree with the verdict that
20 I read?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Ms. McMahon, do you agree with the verdict that I
23 read?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Mr. Henderlong, do you agree with the verdict

1 that I read?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Mr. Ashlin, do you agree with the verdict that I
4 read?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Ms. McMullen, do you agree with the verdict that
7 I read?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Ms. Lewandowski, do you agree with the verdict
10 that I read?

11 A. Yes.

12 THE COURT: Any additional polling?

13 MR. CHIRAFISI: (Non-verbal response.)

14 THE COURT: No.

15 All right. It is a unanimous verdict.

16 Members of the jury, your service in this
17 case is completed. You are free to read accounts about
18 this trial, you are free to talk about this case with
19 anyone. However, you do not have to discuss this case
20 with anybody or answer any questions about this case other
21 than from the Court. So this includes the parties, the
22 lawyers, media, or anybody else.

23 If you do decide to discuss this case with
24 anyone, please treat any such discussion with a degree of
25 solemnity, such that whatever you would say you'd be

1 willing to say in front of your fellow jurors or here in
2 open court.

3 It is in the public interest that there be
4 the utmost freedom of debate in the jury room and that
5 jurors be permitted to express their views without fear,
6 incurring the anger of any litigants or the public. For
7 that reason, please respect the privacy of the views of
8 your fellow jurors.

9 If you do decide to speak, please only
10 speak for yourselves and not for anybody else.

11 On behalf of my colleagues, Judges Needham,
12 Vlack, and Nordstrand, along with my courtroom staff,
13 thank you for your participation in this important case.

14 Court is now adjourned.

15 Please take the jury out.

16 (Whereupon, the jury exits the courtroom.)

17 THE COURT: Based on the unanimous verdict I will
18 enter convictions on each of the six counts. Bail is
19 revoked. Mr. Miu will be held in custody pending
20 sentencing.

21 My staff will contact the attorneys and
22 will schedule the sentencing date.

23 I will order a Presentence Investigation
24 Report, but we can do the scheduling at a later time.

25 Is there anything else, Mr. Anderson?

1 MR. ANDERSON: No.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Chirafisi?

3 MR. CHIRAFISI: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 Thank you, everyone. Court is adjourned.

6 (The proceedings came to a close at this time.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, **VANESSA M. MELSTROM**, Official Court Reporter
for the State of Wisconsin, St. Croix County, hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate
transcript of the proceedings herein all done to the best
of my skill and ability.

Dated at Hudson, Wisconsin, this 11th day
of March, 2026.

/s/ Vanessa M. Melstrom

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