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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

**ORIGINAL**

DISTRICT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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State of Minnesota )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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v. )  
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Mahdi Hassan Ali )  
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Defendant. )  
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**JURY VERDICT**  
D.C. File 27-CR-10-2076  
App. Court No. A12-0173  
  
Volume XIV of XIV

The above-entitled matter came duly on for trial before the Honorable Peter A. Cahill, one of the judges of the above-named court, on September 23, 2011, in the Hennepin County Government Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

APPEARANCES:

Robert J. Streitz and Charles S. Weber, Assistant Hennepin County Attorneys, appeared on behalf of the State of Minnesota.

Frederick J. Goetz, Esq. and Gregory Young, Certified Student Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Defendant.

- Mahdi H. Ali, defendant.
- Abdi Elmi, Interpreter.
- Erin Lutz, Law Clerk.
- Dana Carmichael, Court Reporter.

1 (In open court:)

2 THE COURT: Before we bring the jury  
3 out, I wanted to advise everybody in the  
4 spectator's gallery that regardless of what the  
5 verdict is, you may have an emotional reaction.  
6 You must control your reactions so that there is  
7 no outburst in the courtroom. If you cannot  
8 control your emotions, you must leave  
9 immediately.

10 All right. Let's bring in the jury.

11 (Jurors into the courtroom.)

12 THE COURT: Members of the jury, have  
13 you reached a verdict?

14 JUROR: We have, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Give the verdict forms to  
16 the deputy.

17 Members of the jury, I will now read  
18 your verdicts as it will stand in the permanent  
19 record of the District Court of the Fourth  
20 Judicial District.

21 State of Minnesota, County of Hennepin,  
22 District Court, Fourth Judicial District. State  
23 of Minnesota, Plaintiff versus Mahdi Hassan Ali,  
24 Defendant, Verdict, District Court File No.  
25 27-CR-10-2076. We the jury in the above-entitled

1 matter as to Count 4, murder in the first-degree  
2 while committing or attempting to commit  
3 aggravated robbery, find the defendant guilty of  
4 murder in the first-degree. This verdict agreed  
5 to this 23rd day of September, 2011, at 1:05 p.m.

6 Same caption, we the jury in the  
7 above-entitled matter as to Count 5, murder in  
8 the first-degree while committing or attempting  
9 to commit aggravated robbery, find the defendant  
10 guilty of murder in the first-degree. Signed  
11 Bernadette Bragelmann, foreperson, agreed to this  
12 23rd day of September, 2011 at 1:05 p.m.

13 Same caption, we the jury in the  
14 above-entitled matter as to Count 6, murder in  
15 the first-degree while committing or attempting  
16 to commit aggravated robbery, find the defendant  
17 guilty of murder in the first-degree. This  
18 verdict agreed to this 23rd day of September,  
19 2011 at 1:05 p.m., signed Bernadette Braegelmann,  
20 jury foreperson.

21 Same caption, we the jury in the  
22 above-entitled matter as to Count 1, murder in  
23 the first-degree premeditation, find the  
24 defendant not guilty of murder in the  
25 first-degree but guilty of the lesser included

1 offense of murder in the second degree. This  
2 verdict agreed to this 23rd day of September,  
3 2011 at 1:05 p.m., Bernadette Braegelmann, jury  
4 foreperson.

5 Same caption, we the jury in the  
6 above-entitled matter as to Count 2, murder in  
7 the first-degree premeditation, find the  
8 defendant not guilty of murder in the  
9 first-degree but guilty of the lesser included  
10 offense of murder in the second degree. This  
11 verdict agreed to this 23rd day of September,  
12 2011 at 1:05 p.m., Bernadette Braegelmann, jury  
13 foreperson.

14 Same caption, we the jury in the  
15 above-entitled matter as to Count 3, murder in  
16 the first-degree premeditation, find the  
17 defendant guilty of murder in the first-degree.  
18 This verdict agreed to this 23rd day of  
19 September, 2011 at 1:05 p.m.

20 Members of the jury, are these your  
21 verdicts, so say you one, so say you all?

22 (Jury responds affirmatively.)

23 THE COURT: Members of the jury, I'll  
24 now pole you individually asking you if these  
25 are, in fact, your true and correct verdicts.

1 Mr. Walker, are these your true and  
2 correct verdicts?

3 JUROR: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Andriunas, are these  
5 your true and correct verdicts?

6 JUROR: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Callahan, are these your  
8 true and correct verdicts?

9 JUROR: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Braegelmann, are these  
11 your true and correct verdicts?

12 JUROR: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Mr. King, are these your  
14 true and correct verdicts?

15 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Ms. Larson, are these your  
17 true and correct verdicts?

18 JUROR: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Ms. Gibson, are these your  
20 true and correct verdicts?

21 JUROR: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Ms. Chavez, are these your  
23 true and correct verdicts?

24 JUROR: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: Ms. Hauenstein, are these

1 your true and correct verdicts?

2 JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Betsinger, are these  
4 your true and correct verdicts?

5 JUROR: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Rosario, are these your  
7 true and correct verdicts?

8 JUROR: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Garcia, are these your  
10 true and correct verdicts?

11 JUROR: Yes.

12 THE COURT: The verdicts as read by the  
13 Court are confirmed at accurate. Members of the  
14 jury, I cannot thank you enough for your service  
15 on a very difficult and long case.

16 I would ask you at this time to go out  
17 the door to your right and meet Ms. Lutz who will  
18 escort you to my chambers for further  
19 discussions. If you have any material that you  
20 left in the jury room, we'll get that for you in  
21 a bit, but for now if you can head to my  
22 chambers, and I have just a few matters to take  
23 care of and then I'll be dealing with you  
24 shortly.

25 (Jurors leave the courtroom.)

1 THE COURT: There being findings of  
2 guilt on murder in the first-degree as to each  
3 victim, I assume there will be no need for  
4 Blakley hearing.

5 MR. STREITZ: That is correct, Your  
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: Sentencing will be set this  
8 Monday at 9 a.m.

9 MR. STREITZ: Monday?

10 THE COURT: This Monday at 9 a.m.

11 MR. GOETZ: Your Honor, we had talked  
12 some time ago about having about a three-week  
13 sentencing date, if the Court will recall, just  
14 to file motions on constitutionality,  
15 particularly as to now the verdict on Count 3 and  
16 the statutory sentence with Count 3.

17 THE COURT: All right. We'll do a  
18 three-week sentencing date. I expect any motion  
19 papers that are filed, we better make it two  
20 weeks for the defense, one week for a State  
21 response and then a four-week sentencing date.

22 MR. GOETZ: I would request also, Your  
23 Honor, a presentence investigation be prepared  
24 including a psychological evaluation.

25 THE COURT: I'll order the PSI, but not

1 the psychological. These are mandatory life  
2 sentences, but he is entitled to a PSI under the  
3 law. All right. Dates.

4 (Off the record discussion.)

5 THE COURT: October 25th at 9 a.m. for  
6 sentencing. Hold without bail for bail.

7 (Court adjourned.)

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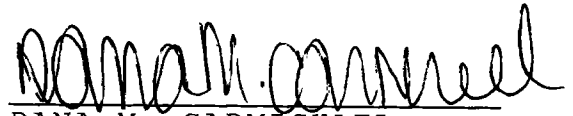


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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
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I, Dana Carmichael, Court Reporter for the State of Minnesota, County of Hennepin, hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and correct transcript, to the best of my ability, of the proceedings as herein set out.



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Dated: April 25, 2012.