## IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT COURT, BEAVER COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

STATE OF UTAH, Plaintiff,	JURY INSTRUCTIONS
vs.	Criminal No. 181500061
WAYNE HSIUNG, Defendant.	Judge Jeffrey C. Wilcox
STATE OF UTAH, Plaintiff,	
vs.	Case No. 181500062
PAUL DARWIN PICKLESIMER, Defendant	
	Judge Jeffrey C. Wilcox

#### **INSTRUCTION NO. 1**

Sometimes criminal trials attract the attention of the media and the public. The level of interest is unpredictable and not within my control. This case involves two defendants and may continue for some time. It may attract an unusual amount of attention, so there may be curiosity about the participants - the lawyers, witnesses, defendants, judge, and perhaps even the jurors.

People may ask questions to learn more about the case. Even though these questions may be well-intentioned, they may still distract you from your duties as a juror. These questions can be awkward or inconvenient for you, your family, and your friends.

During your service as a juror, you must not discuss this case with anyone. And even after the case is finished, you will never be required to explain your verdict or jury service to anyone. Your names and personal information will be known only to court personnel, counsel, and the defendants, and will not be disclosed.

To discourage unwanted publicity, telephone calls, letters, and questions, you will be referred to only by your juror number.

Members of the Jury, you have been selected and sworn as the jury in this case. The defendant is accused of committing one or more crimes. You will decide if the defendant is guilty or not guilty. I will give you some instructions now and some later. You are required to consider and follow all my instructions. Keep an open mind throughout the trial. At the end of the trial you will discuss the evidence and reach a verdict. You took an oath to "well and truly try the issues pending between the parties" and to "render a true and just verdict." The oath is your promise to do your duty as a member of the jury. Be alert. Pay attention. Follow my instructions.

#### **INSTRUCTION NO. 3**

The prosecution has filed a document—called an "Information"—that contains the charges against the defendant. The Information is not evidence of anything. It is only a method of accusing defendants of a crime. The Information will now be read.

(Clerk Reads Information)

The defendant has entered a plea of not guilty and denies committing the crime(s). Every crime has component parts called "elements." The prosecution must prove each element beyond a reasonable doubt. Until then, you must presume that the defendant is not guilty. The defendant does not have to prove anything. The defendant has a constitutional right not to testify, call witnesses, or present evidence.

#### **INSTRUCTION NO. 4**

The prosecution has the burden of proving the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt. Some of you may have served as jurors in civil cases, where you were told that it is only necessary to prove that a fact is more likely true than not true. In criminal cases, the prosecution's proof must be more powerful than that. It must be beyond a reasonable doubt. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you firmly convinced of the defendant's guilt. There are very few things in this world that we know with absolute certainty, and in criminal cases the law does not require proof that overcomes every possible doubt. If, based on your consideration of the evidence, you are firmly convinced that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged, you must find the defendant guilty. If, on the other hand, you think there is a real possibility that the defendant is not guilty, you must give the defendant the benefit of the doubt and find the defendant not guilty.

Remember, the fact that the defendant is charged with a crime is not evidence of guilt.

The law presumes that the defendant is not guilty of the crime charged. This presumption persists unless the prosecution's evidence convinces you beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty.

All of us, judge, jury and lawyers, are officers of the court and have different roles during the trial:

- As the judge I will supervise the trial, decide legal issues, and instruct you on the law.
- As the jury, you must follow the law as you weigh the evidence and decide the factual issues. Factual issues relate to what did, or did not, happen in this case.
- The lawyers will present evidence and try to persuade you to decide the case in one way or the other.

Neither the lawyers nor I decide the case. That is your role. Do not be influenced by what you think our opinions might be. Make your decision based on the law given in my instructions and on the evidence presented in court.

As jurors you will decide whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty. You must base your decision only on the evidence. Evidence usually consists of the testimony and exhibits presented at trial. Testimony is what witnesses say under oath. Exhibits are things like documents, photographs, or other physical objects. The fact that the defendant has been accused of a crime and brought to trial is not evidence. What the lawyers say is not evidence. For example, their opening statements and closing arguments are not evidence.

Rules govern what evidence may be presented to you. On the basis of these rules, the lawyers may object to proposed evidence. If they do, I will rule in one of two ways. If I sustain the objection, the proposed evidence will not be allowed. If I overrule the objection, the evidence will be allowed.

Do not evaluate the evidence on the basis of whether objections are made.

I will now explain how the trial will unfold. The prosecution will give its opening statement. An opening statement gives an overview of the case from one point of view, and summarizes what that lawyer thinks the evidence will show. Defense counsel may choose to make an opening statement right after the prosecutor, or wait until after all of the prosecution's evidence has been presented, or not make one at all. You will then hear the prosecution's evidence. Evidence is usually presented by calling and questioning witnesses. What they say is called testimony. A witness is questioned first by the lawyer who called that witness and then by the opposing lawyer.

After the lawyers finish with their questions you will have the opportunity to submit questions. In a moment I will explain how to do this.

Consider all testimony, whether from direct or cross-examination, regardless of who calls the witness. After the prosecution has presented all its evidence, the defendant may present evidence, though the defendant has no duty to do so. If the defendant does present evidence the prosecution may then present additional evidence. After both sides have presented all their evidence, I will give you final instructions on the law you must follow in reaching a verdict. You will then hear closing arguments from the lawyers. The prosecutor will speak first, followed by defense counsel. Then the prosecutor speaks last, because the government has the burden of proof. Finally, you will deliberate in the jury room. You may take your notes with you. You will discuss the case and reach a verdict.

From time to time I will call a recess. It may be for a few minutes or longer. During recesses, do not talk about this case with anyone—not family, not friends, not even each other. Until the trial is over, do not mingle or talk with the lawyers, parties, witnesses or anyone else connected with the case. Court clerks or bailiffs can answer general questions, such as the length of breaks or the location of restrooms. But they cannot comment about the case or anyone involved. The goal is to avoid the impression that anyone is trying to influence you improperly. If people involved in the case seem to ignore you outside of court, they are just following this instruction.

Until the trial is over, do not read or listen to any news reports about this case. If you observe anything that seems to violate this instruction, report it immediately to a clerk or bailiff.

Jurors have caused serious problems during trials by using electronic devices – such as phones, tablets, or computers – to research issues or share information about a case. You may be tempted to use these devices to investigate the case or to share your thoughts about the trial with others. Don't. While you are serving as a juror, you must not use electronic devices for these purposes, just as you must not read or listen to any sources outside the courtroom about the case or talk to others about it.

You violate your oath as a juror if you conduct your own investigation or if you communicate about this trial with others, and you may face serious personal consequences if you do. Let me be clear: do not "Google" the parties, witnesses, issues, or counsel; do not "Tweet" or text about the trial; do not use electronic devices to gather or send information on the case; do not post updates about the trial on Facebook pages; do not use Wikipedia or other internet information sources, etc. Even using something as seemingly innocent as "Google Maps" or a dictionary to look up terms can result in a mistrial.

Please understand that the rules of evidence and procedure have developed over hundreds of years in order to ensure the fair resolution of disputes. The fairness of the entire system depends on you reaching your decisions based on evidence presented to you in court and not on other sources of information.

Post-trial investigations can occur. If improper activities are discovered at any time, they will be brought to my attention and the entire case might have to be retried at substantial cost.

Feel free to take notes during the trial to help you remember the evidence, but do not let note-taking distract you. Your notes are not evidence and may be incomplete.

During the trial you may ask questions of the witnesses. However, to make sure the questions are legally appropriate, we will use the following procedure: After the lawyers have finished questioning each witness, I will ask if you have any questions. If you do, please do not ask the question out loud. Write it down and hand it to a bailiff. The bailiff will hand me your question. I will review it with the lawyers to make sure it is legally permissible. If the question is appropriate, it will be addressed. If not, I will tell you.

Although there are two defendants in this trial, it does not follow from the fact alone that if one is liable, both are liable. Each defendant is entitled to a fair consideration of that defendant's own defense, and is not to be prejudiced by the fact, if it should become a fact, that you find against the other defendant. Unless otherwise stated, all instructions given you govern the case as to each defendant.

Members of the jury, you now have all the evidence. Three things remain to be done:

First, I will give you additional instructions that you will follow in deciding this case.

Second, the lawyers will give their closing arguments. The prosecutor will go first, then the defense. Because the prosecution has the burden of proof, the prosecutor may give a rebuttal.

Finally, you will go to the jury room to discuss and decide the case.

You have two main duties as jurors.

The first is to decide from the evidence what the facts are. Deciding what the facts are is your job, not mine.

The second duty is to take the law I give you in the instructions, apply it to the facts, and decide if the prosecution has proved the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

You are bound by your oath to follow the instructions that I give you, even if you personally disagree with them. This includes the instructions I gave you before trial, any instructions I may have given you during the trial, and these instructions. All the instructions are important, and you should consider them as a whole. The order in which the instructions are given does not mean that some instructions are more important than others. Whether any particular instruction applies may depend upon what you decide are the true facts of the case. If an instruction applies only to facts or circumstances you find do not exist, you may disregard that instruction.

Perform your duties fairly. Do not let any bias, sympathy or prejudice that you may feel toward one side or the other influence your decision in any way. You must also not let yourselves be influenced by public opinion.

When the lawyers give their closing arguments, keep in mind that they are advocating their views of the case. What they say during their closing arguments is not evidence. If the lawyers say anything about the evidence that conflicts with what you remember, you are to rely on your memory of the evidence. If they say anything about the law that conflicts with these instructions, you are to rely on these instructions.

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During the trial I have made certain rulings. I made those rulings based on the law, and not because I favor one side or the other.

However,

- if I sustained an objection,
- if I did not accept evidence offered by one side or the other, or
- if I ordered that certain testimony be stricken,

then you must not consider those things in reaching your verdict.

As the judge, I am neutral. If I have said or done anything that makes you think I favor one side or the other, that was not my intention. Do not interpret anything I have done as indicating that I have any particular view of the evidence or the decision you should reach.

You must base your decision only on the evidence that you saw and heard here in court.

Evidence includes:

- what the witnesses said while they were testifying under oath; and
- any exhibits admitted into evidence.

Nothing else is evidence. The lawyers' statements and arguments are not evidence. Their objections are not evidence. My legal rulings and comments, if any, are not evidence.

In reaching a verdict, consider all the evidence as I have defined it here, and nothing else.

You may also draw all reasonable inferences from that evidence.

There are two types of witnesses: fact witnesses and expert witnesses. Usually a fact witness can testify only about facts that (he) (she) can see, hear, touch, taste or smell. An expert witness has scientific, technical or other special knowledge that allows the witness to give an opinion. An expert's knowledge can come from training, education, experience or skill.

Experts can testify about facts, and they can give their opinions in their area of expertise.

You may have to weigh one expert's opinion against another's. In weighing the opinions of experts, you may look at their qualifications, the reasoning process the experts used, and the overall credibility of their testimony. You may also look at things like bias, consistency, and reputation.

Use your common sense in evaluating all witnesses, including expert witnesses. You do not have to accept an expert's opinion. You may accept it all, reject it all, or accept part and reject part. Give it whatever weight you think it deserves.

In deciding this case you will need to decide how believable each witness was. Use your judgment and common sense. Let me suggest a few things to think about as you weigh each witness's testimony:

- How good was the witness's opportunity to see, hear, or otherwise observe what the witness testified about?
- Does the witness have something to gain or lose from this case?
- Does the witness have any connection to the people involved in this case?
- Does the witness have any reason to lie or slant the testimony?
- Was the witness's testimony consistent over time? If not, is there a good reason for the inconsistency? If the witness was inconsistent, was it about something important or unimportant?
- How believable was the witness's testimony in light of other evidence presented at trial?
- How believable was the witness's testimony in light of human experience?
- Was there anything about the way the witness testified that made the testimony more or less believable?

In deciding whether or not to believe a witness, you may also consider anything else you think is important.

You do not have to believe everything that a witness said. You may believe part and disbelieve the rest. On the other hand, if you are convinced that a witness lied, you may disbelieve anything the witness said. In other words, you may believe all, part, or none of a witness's testimony. You may believe many witnesses against one or one witness against many.

In deciding whether a witness testified truthfully, remember that no one's memory is perfect. Anyone can make an honest mistake. Honest people may remember the same event differently.

# Instruction no. 23

You have heard the testimony of a law enforcement officer. The fact that a witness is employed in law enforcement does not mean that his or her testimony deserves more or less consideration than that of any other witness. It is up to you to give any witnesses testimony whatever weight you think it deserves.

Remember, the fact that the defendant is charged with a crime is not evidence of guilt.

The law presumes that the defendant is not guilty of the crime(s) charged. This presumption persists unless the prosecution's evidence convinces you beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty.

As I instructed you before, proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you firmly convinced of the defendant's guilt. There are very few things in this world that we know with absolute certainty, and in criminal cases the law does not require proof that overcomes every possible doubt. If the evidence leaves you firmly convinced that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged, you must find the defendant "guilty." On the other hand, if there is a real possibility that he is not guilty, you must give the defendant the benefit of the doubt and return a verdict of "not guilty."

Facts may be proved by direct or circumstantial evidence. The law does not treat one type of evidence as better than the other.

Direct evidence can prove a fact by itself. It usually comes from a witness who perceived firsthand the fact in question. For example, if a witness testified he looked outside and saw it was raining, that would be direct evidence that it had rained.

Circumstantial evidence is indirect evidence. It usually comes from a witness who perceived a set of related events, but not the fact in question. However, based on that testimony someone could conclude that the fact in question had occurred. For example, if a witness testified that she looked outside and saw that the ground was wet and people were closing their umbrellas, that would be circumstantial evidence that it had rained.

Before you can find the defendant guilty of any charge, there must be enough evidence—direct, circumstantial, or some of both—to convince you of the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. It is up to you to decide.

A defendant, Wayne Hsiung, testified at trial. Another instruction mentions some things for you to think about in weighing testimony. Consider those same things in weighing the defendant's testimony. Don't reject the defendant's testimony merely because he or she is accused of a crime.

A person accused of a crime may choose whether or not to testify. In this case a defendant, Paul Picklesimer, chose not to testify. Do not hold that choice against the defendant. Do not try to guess why the defendant chose not to testify. Do not consider it in your deliberations. Decide the case only on the basis of the evidence. The defendant does not have to prove that he or she is not guilty. The prosecution must prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

A person cannot be found guilty of a criminal offense unless that person's conduct is prohibited by law, AND at the time the conduct occurred, the defendant demonstrated a particular mental state specified by law.

"Conduct" can mean both an "act" or the failure to act when the law requires a person to act. An "act" is a voluntary movement of the body and it can include speech.

As to the "mental state" requirement, the prosecution must prove that at the time the defendant acted (or failed to act), he did so with a particular mental state. For each offense, the law defines what kind of mental state the defendant had to have, if any. For some crimes the defendant must have acted "intentionally" or "knowingly." For other crimes it is enough that the defendant acted "recklessly," with "criminal negligence," or with some other specified mental state.

Later I will instruct you on the specific conduct and mental state that the prosecution must prove before the defendant can be found guilty of the crime(s) charged.

The law requires that the prosecutor prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant acted with a particular mental state.

Ordinarily, there is no way that a defendant's mental state can be proved directly, because no one can tell what another person is thinking.

A defendant's mental state can be proved indirectly from the surrounding facts and circumstances. This includes things like what the defendant said, what the defendant did, and any other evidence that shows what was in the defendant's mind.

A defendant's "mental state" is not the same as "motive." Motive is why a person does something. Motive is not an element of the crime(s) charged in this case. As a result, the prosecutor does not have to prove why the defendant acted (or failed to act).

However, a motive or lack of motive may help you determine if the defendant did what he is charged with doing. It may also help you determine what his mental state was at the time.

# Instruction no. 32

In making your decision, do not consider what punishment could result from a verdict of guilty. Your duty is to decide if the defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Punishment is not relevant to whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty.

In the jury room, discuss the evidence and speak your minds with each other. Open discussion should help you reach a unanimous agreement on a verdict. Listen carefully and respectfully to each other's views and keep an open mind about what others have to say. I recommend that you not commit yourselves to a particular verdict before discussing all the evidence.

Try to reach unanimous agreement, but only if you can do so honestly and in good conscience. If there is a difference of opinion about the evidence or the verdict, do not hesitate to change your mind if you become convinced that your position is wrong. On the other hand, do not give up your honestly held views about the evidence simply to agree on a verdict, to give in to pressure from other jurors, or just to get the case over with. In the end, your vote must be your own.

Because this is a criminal case, every single juror must agree with the verdict before the defendant can be found "guilty" or "not guilty." In reaching your verdict you may not use methods of chance, such as drawing straws or flipping a coin. Rather, the verdict must reflect your individual, careful, and conscientious judgment as to whether the evidence presented by the prosecutor proved each charge beyond a reasonable doubt.

#### Count 2

WAYNE HANSEN HSIUNG is charged in Count 2 with committing BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on or about March 7, 2017. You cannot convict him of this offense unless, based on the evidence, you find beyond reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- 1. Wayne Hansen Hsiung;
- 2. In Beaver County, State of Utah;
- 3. Entered or remained unlawfully;
- 4. In a building or a portion of a building, to wit, a farrowing building;
- 5. With intent to commit theft.

After you carefully consider all the evidence in this case, if you are convinced that each and every element has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant GUILTY. On the other hand, if you are not convinced that one or more of these elements has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant NOT GUILTY.

#### Count 3

WAYNE HANSEN HSIUNG is charged in Count 3 with committing THEFT on or about March 7, 2017. You cannot convict him of this offense unless, based on the evidence, you find beyond reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- 1. Wayne Hansen Hsiung;
- 2. In Beaver County, Utah;
- 3. Obtained or exercised unauthorized control;
- 4. Over the property of another with a purpose to deprive him thereof; and
- 5. The value of the property is less than \$500.

After you carefully consider all the evidence in this case, if you are convinced that each and every element has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant GUILTY. On the other hand, if you are not convinced that one or more of these elements has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant NOT GUILTY.

#### Count 2

PAUL DARWIN PICKLESIMER is charged in Count 2 with committing BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on or about March 7, 2017. You cannot convict him of this offense unless, based on the evidence, you find beyond reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- 1. Paul Darwin Picklesimer;
- 2. In Beaver County, State of Utah;
- 3. Entered or remained unlawfully;
- 4. In a building or a portion of a building, to wit, a farrowing building;
- 5. With intent to commit theft.

After you carefully consider all the evidence in this case, if you are convinced that each and every element has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant GUILTY. On the other hand, if you are not convinced that one or more of these elements has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant NOT GUILTY.

#### Count 3

PAUL DARWIN PICKLESIMER is charged in Count 3 with committing THEFT on or about March 7, 2017. You cannot convict him of this offense unless, based on the evidence, you find beyond reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- 1. Paul Darwin Picklesimer;
- 2. In Beaver County, Utah;
- 3. Obtained or exercised unauthorized control;
- 4. Over the property of another with a purpose to deprive him thereof; and
- 5. The value of the property is less than \$500.

After you carefully consider all the evidence in this case, if you are convinced that each and every element has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant GUILTY. On the other hand, if you are not convinced that one or more of these elements has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant NOT GUILTY.

"Purpose to deprive" means to have the conscious object:

- (a) to withhold property permanently or for so extended a period or to use under such circumstances that a substantial portion of its economic value, or of the use and benefit thereof, would be lost;
- (b) to restore the property only upon payment of a reward or other compensation; or
- (c) to dispose of the property under circumstances that make it unlikely that the owner will recover it.

There is more than one defendant on trial. If evidence was admitted only as to one defendant, you may consider it in connection with that defendant only. You must consider the charges against each defendant separately.

There has been evidence suggesting that persons other than the defendant may have been involved in the crime for which the defendant is on trial. Your duty in this case is to decide only whether the prosecutor has proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, the guilt of the defendant who is on trial.

Transcripts, police reports, or other written audio, or visual materials may have been referenced during the trial but not admitted as exhibits. It is common during deliberations for jurors to ask to review these materials or to have transcripts of what witnesses said during trial. These materials, other than what may have been admitted as exhibits, may not be requested as part of your deliberations.

Unless these instructions give a definition, you should give all words their usual and ordinary meanings.

"Property" means anything of value, including real estate, tangible and intangible personal property, captured or domestic animals, written instruments or other writings representing or embodying rights concerning real or personal property, labor, services, or otherwise anything of value to the owner, commodities of a public utility nature such as telecommunications, gas, electricity, steam, or water, and trade secrets, meaning the whole or any portion of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, or invention which the owner intends to be available only to persons selected by the owner.

For Counts 2 and 3, the State has the burden to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the two piglets taken had some value greater than zero.

"Element of the offense" means:

- (a) the conduct, attendant circumstances, or results of conduct proscribed, prohibited, or forbidden in the definition of the offense; and
- (b) the culpable mental state required.

# Instruction no. 45

A person acts with "intent" when his conscious objective is to:

- 1. Cause a certain result; or
- 2. Engage in certain conduct.

The defendant has been charged with more than one crime. It is your duty to consider each charge separately. For each crime charged, consider all of the evidence related to that charge. Decide whether the prosecution has presented proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of that particular crime. Your verdict on one charge does not determine your verdict on any other charge.

There has been evidence suggesting that persons other than the defendant may have been involved in the crime for which the defendant is on trial. Your duty in this case is to decide only whether the prosecutor has proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, the guilt of the defendant who is on trial.

The verdict must represent the considered judgment of each juror. In order to return a verdict, it is necessary that each juror agree. Your verdict must be unanimous.

It is your duty to consult with one another and to deliberate. Your goal should be to reach an agreement if you can do so without surrendering your individual judgment. Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but do so only after impartially considering the evidence with your fellow jurors. Do not hesitate to reexamine your own views and change your position if you are convinced it is mistaken. But do not surrender your honest conviction as to the weight or effect of the evidence solely because of the opinion of your fellow jurors, or just to return a verdict.

You are judges -- judges of the facts. Your sole interest is to determine the truth from the evidence in the case.

# INSTRUCTION NO. 44 , ,

These instructions should contain all the information you need to decide this case based upon the evidence. However, if you have a question or need clarification during deliberations, write a note and give it to the bailiff. I will review it with the lawyers. We will answer your question as appropriate.

## INSTRUCTION NO. <u>50</u>

Jurors are to disregard in its entirety the rebuttal testimony given today by State's witnesses Dr. Dean Taylor and Mr. Richard Topham.

Among the first things you should do when you go to the jury room to deliberate is to appoint someone to serve as the jury foreperson. The foreperson should not dominate the jury's discussion, but rather should facilitate the discussion of the evidence and make sure that all members of the jury get the chance to speak. The foreperson's opinions should be given the same weight as those of other members of the jury. Once the jury has reached a verdict, the foreperson is responsible for filling out and signing the verdict form(s) on behalf of the entire jury.

For each offense, the verdict form will have two blanks—one for "guilty" and the other for "not guilty." The foreperson will fill in the appropriate blank to reflect the jury's unanimous decision. In filling out the form, the foreperson needs to make sure that only one blank is marked for each charge.

The foregoing 51. Instructions are given and dated this 1th day of 0th., 2022.

Jeffrey C/Wilcox, Judge Fifth District Court