

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

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SUHAIL NAJIM ABDULLAH AL : Civil Action No.:
SHIMARI, et al., : 1:08-cv-827
Plaintiffs, :
versus : Friday, November 8, 2024
: Alexandria, Virginia
CACI PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, : Day 7
INC., : Pages 1-7
Defendant. :
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The above-entitled jury trial was heard before the
Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema, United States District Judge.
This proceeding commenced at 2:05 p.m.

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1 not necessary, but I may very well -- so I'm letting you
2 know before you talk to me that I may have to reveal this to
3 the lawyers. Okay. And so I wanted you to know as well.

4 And I don't know, you know, whether the question
5 is -- if it's about the case itself, most likely I can't
6 answer the question for you without having run it by the
7 attorneys. If it's about some aspect of conduct by any of
8 the attorneys or witnesses, that's normally something that
9 we would always let the lawyers know.

10 So I have no idea what it is that is concerning
11 you all. And if you want to go back and talk among
12 yourselves and think about this for a second, feel
13 comfortable doing that. But, as I said, as a Judge, I have
14 to be fair and open with everybody, and I want to respect
15 your concerns, but I also have to make sure that I am doing
16 what I'm required to do as a judge.

17 So by making a permanent record, whatever you
18 decide, if you decide to tell me anything, we'll have a
19 record of it. Again, I'll make the judgment call as to
20 whether I feel it has to be exchanged with the attorneys.
21 If I decide it doesn't have to be, then it will be
22 permanently sealed. All right. If I find, however, that
23 they do need to know it, then I'm going to have to tell
24 them. So I want you to understand that. Okay.

25 Who's our foreperson, Ms. Schroeder?

1 THE FOREPERSON: Yes.

2 THE COURT: So I'm reading body language and
3 facial expressions. Is it that sensitive that it cannot be
4 discussed with the attorneys?

5 THE FOREPERSON: Can we discuss?

6 THE COURT: Yes.
7 Do you want to go back to the jury room, or are
8 you comfortable there? We'll try not to hear you. I'll put
9 the white noise machine on, how's that? So then I can't
10 hear you. We're going to go off the record because you're
11 talking among yourselves. Okay.

12 (Off-the-record discussion.)

13 THE FOREPERSON: Can we actually run back and get
14 the question? Can I get the question? We have it.

15 THE COURT: You don't want to tell me?

16 THE JUROR: It's a long question. It's the
17 question.

18 THE COURT: It might be easier --

19 THE JUROR: We were asking a procedural question,
20 but we actually have the question.

21 THE COURT: You have it all written out?

22 THE JUROR: Yes.

23 THE COURT: So you just want to give it to me at
24 this point?

25 THE JUROR: Yeah. We'll read it to you.

1 THE JUROR: We can just say it. I mean, we can
2 say it, but we thought you needed it written out.

3 THE COURT: Well, that's ideal. Why don't you go
4 and get it. Yes. Okay.

5 THE JUROR: Okay. Go get the question.

6 THE COURT: Ms. Schroeder, you can just give it to
7 Kim.

8 This is a great question. All right. I'm going
9 to read it into the record.

10 If the jury decides to make a punitive award, can
11 we ask that part of the award be directed to a credible
12 non-profit organization that provides emotional support and
13 workforce placement for similar victims of -- I think you
14 have PTSD, is that -- okay -- emotional trauma and
15 displacement from Abu Ghraib human rights violations.

16 I can tell you the answer to that would be no.
17 Punitive damages don't work that way. Okay.

18 I'm not going to reveal this question to the
19 lawyers at this point. I will after the case is over. It's
20 not a question that embarrasses any of you; it shows a
21 degree of sensitivity, and I'm just going to leave it like
22 that. All right.

23 Why don't you all stay here because I understand
24 you want to go home; is that right?

25 THE JUROR: Uh-huh.

1 THE COURT: Let's bring the lawyers back in. We
2 can do that on the record. But we were off the record until
3 this point.

4 THE COURT SECURITY OFFICER: Yes, Judge.

5 (Proceedings adjourned at 4:44 p.m.)

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7 I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate
8 transcription of my stenographic notes.

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