

525A INSTRUCTION AFTER VERDICT RECEIVED — ALTERNATIVE FORM

[THIS INSTRUCTION IS SUGGESTED FOR USE IN CASES WHERE THE COMMITMENT, INCONVENIENCE, ETC., REQUIRED OF JURORS WAS WELL BEYOND THAT OF A TYPICAL CASE.]

Now that your service in this case is completed, some of you may have questions about the confidentiality of the proceedings. You are free to discuss the case with any person you choose. However, you do not have to discuss the case with anyone or answer any questions about it from anyone other than the court.

If you do decide to discuss the case with anyone, including the media, keep in mind that your fellow jurors fully and freely stated their opinions and may not want their opinions made public. Please respect the privacy of the views of your fellow jurors.

If any of you have questions for the court before leaving today, please let the bailiff know before you leave the jury room.

Members of the jury, on behalf of _____ County the court would like to express its sincerest gratitude and appreciation for your service in this case. The court recognizes that you have devoted significant time and tolerated restrictions on your normal activities during this trial. Your service is a necessary and essential part of the justice system guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. I hope you found the experience a rewarding one.

COMMENT

Wis JI-Criminal 525A was approved by the Committee February 2010.

This instruction is a longer version of Wis JI Criminal 525 and is recommended for consideration for the extraordinary or "notorious" case. "Extraordinary" is used in the sense of requiring commitment,

inconvenience, etc., well beyond that which attends jury service in a typical case. "Notorious" is used in the sense of "generally known and talked of."

This instruction is based on one recommended at pp. 94-95 in Managing Notorious Trials, National Center For State Courts, 1998.