

ARIZONA SANCTUARY DEFENSE FUND

MEDIA UPDATE FOR THE SANCTUARY TRIAL, WEEK OF OCT. 28 TO NOV. 1

In the second week of proceedings of the Sanctuary trial in Tucson, Arizona, defense and prosecution attorneys continued to work towards setting the stage for testimony expected to begin next week. By Friday, Judge Earl Carroll had completed the pool of 41 eligible jurors from which the final 15 will be chosen.

On Monday, Carroll issued two Orders placing further restrictions on the admission of evidence and law to the courtroom. One of the orders finalized the following exclusions of evidence which were discussed during pre-trial hearings in June:

1. No evidence will be received concerning the defendants religious beliefs.
2. No evidence will be received concerning the conditions or dangers to civilians in any foreign country.
3. No evidence will be received concerning the foreign policy of the U.S. or any other country.
4. No evidence will be received offered to establish "good" or "bad" motives on the part of the defendants.
5. No defense will be allowed which pleads that defendants acted out of necessity or under duress when "surreptitiously" entering refugees.

However, the second order excluded new bodies of evidence from the trial:

1. Evidence of defendants' belief that those aliens involved in the charges were refugees will be excluded from the trial of the case.
2. Evidence of defendants' understanding of immigration laws of the United States will be excluded from the case.

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