

2025-2026 California Mock Trial People v. Fromholz

Errata 10/24/25

Case Packet:

- 1. Page 22, lines 29-38: delete "Amendment V No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." and replace with "Amendment IV The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."
- 2. Page 9, line 47: delete "A year" and replace with "Four years"
- 3. Page 42, Line 23: delete "over a year" and replace with "about four years"
- 4. Page 50, line 11: delete "the other judges" and replace with "me"
- 5. Page 52, line 29: delete "asking" and replace with "tell me to ask"
- 6. Page 64, line 9: delete "Thirteen" and replace with "Ten"
- 7. **Page 15, lines 42-44:** delete "**Stipulation 16**. If the double-bracketed information is excluded from trial, it may not be used during the trial for any reason, including for impeachment purposes."
- 8. Page 17, lines 31-43: delete "There are two kinds of malice aforethought, express malice and implied malice. Proof of either is sufficient to establish the state of mind required for murder. The defendant had express malice if he or she unlawfully intended to kill. The defendant had implied malice if: 1. He or she intentionally committed the act; 2. The natural and probable consequences of the act were dangerous to human life in that the act involved a high degree of probability that it would result in death; 3. At the time he or she acted, he or she knew his or her act was dangerous to human life;"
- 9. Page 18, line 24: add "CALCRIM No. 521 H. Poison. The defendant is guilty of first-degree murder if the People have proved that the defendant committed murder by using poison. The defendant committed murder by poison if: 1. He or she deliberately gave Sears poison; AND 2. When giving the poison, the defendant intended to kill Sears or to inflict injury likely to cause Sears's death. Poison is a substance, applied externally to the body or introduced into the body, that can kill by its own inherent qualities. The heartstopper mushroom is a poison. The People have the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the killing was first degree murder rather than a lesser crime. If the People have not met this burden, you must find the defendant not guilty of first-degree murder.
- 10. Page 51, line 9: delete "Mitchell's" and replace with "Morrison's"
- 11. Page 52, line 33: before "cleaned" add "routinely"
- 12.**Page 56, line 16:** delete "later that day." and replace with "at the hotel on April 10 and I told the detective about my old friendship with Sears and how Sears had stolen my

family recipes years ago. I also told the detective about how Sears had belittled my food on the show, but also how I did not let that stop me from wanting to win. When I learned from Alden later that afternoon on April 10 that the detective had come by and was looking at my laptop, I decided to deliver the laptop and my phone, too, to the detective at the police station that same evening. I have nothing to hide. The next day, April 11, Detective"

- 13. Page 56, line 17: delete "look at" and replace with "ask me questions about"
- 14. Page 56, line 17: after "laptop." add "I went to the station."
- 15. Page 56, lines 46-51: delete "When I learned from Alden later that afternoon on April 10 that the detective had come by and was looking at my laptop, I decided to deliver the laptop and my phone, too, to the detective at the police station that same evening. I have nothing to hide."
- 16.**Page 61, lines 16-19:** delete "It even helps to carry a magnifying glass in order to see the subtle distinctions between them. Sometimes it is necessary in order to identify with certainty that you have an edible mushroom in front of you."
- 17. Page 61, line 19: before "look at the environment" delete "also"
- 18. Page 15, line 42: add "Stipulation 16. Exhibit B was created by Detective Sacks in consultation with Sam Longo."
- 19. Page 15, line 47: add "Stipulation 18. The diameter of the end of the mushroom stem varies depending on the mushroom's maturity and can be as small as 0.5 centimeters and as large as 2.5 centimeters."
- 20. Page 17, line 31: add "The defendant had express malice if he or she unlawfully intended to kill."
- 21. Page 37, line 15: delete "a year" and replace with "four years"
- 22. Page 62, line 47: before "that" add "at any stage of maturity"