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1 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA; WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024; 8:57 A.M.

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3 P R O C E E D I N G S

4 *(Beginning of excerpt at 8:57 a.m.)*

5 **GOVERNMENT'S OPENING STATEMENTS**

6 **MR. GOTTFRIED:** Good morning. May it please the  
7 Court, Mr. Sanft.

8 Members of the jury, on June 8th, 2014, Officer Alyn  
9 Beck and his partner, Igor Soldo, were taking their lunch  
10 break at a pizza restaurant in Northeast Las Vegas. Both men  
11 were patrol officers with the Las Vegas Metro Police  
12 Department. On that day, without provocation, the two  
13 officers were ambushed and shot dead as they sat there eating  
14 their lunch. The two officers went to work every day to  
15 protect the citizens of the Las Vegas Valley, and they were  
16 murdered for no reason except the uniform that they proudly  
17 wore.

18 In the aftermath of that tragedy, there were many  
19 members of the community that rightly sought to honor and  
20 remember those officers' sacrifices. The desire to remember  
21 the fallen is a natural human impulse. The defendant's  
22 decision to take advantage of that impulse is the reason that  
23 we're all in court today. You see, members of the jury, the  
24 case that you're about to hear is not about the heartless  
25 killers that took the lives of Officers Beck and Soldo. The

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
Amber McClane, RPR, CRR