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SECTION I: ATTITUDES TOWARD THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Q1a. If the government brings someone to trial, that person is probably guilty.

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly agree	8	4%
Somewhat agree	25	12.5%
No opinion	11	5.5%
Somewhat disagree	73	36.5%
Strongly disagree	75	37.5%
Don't know	6	3%
Refused/NA	2	1%

Q1b. Even the worst criminal should be considered for mercy.

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly agree	32	16%
Somewhat agree	51	25.5%
No opinion	15	7.5%
Somewhat disagree	27	13.5%
Strongly disagree	64	32%
Don't know	8	4%
Refused/NA	3	1.5%

Q1c. I trust and support Nassau County Sherriff Bill Leeper.

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly agree	115	57.5%
Somewhat agree	40	20%
No opinion	20	10%
Somewhat disagree	4	2%
Strongly disagree	5	2.5%
Don't know	14	7%
Refused/NA	2	1%

Q1d. Have you, your spouse, or someone close to you ever worked for the Nassau County Sherriff's Department?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes, me	6	3%
Yes, my spouse	1	.5%
Yes, someone close to me	26	13%
No, never	165	82.5%
Refused/NA	2	1%

SECTION II: CASE RECOGNITION AND PREJUDGMENT

Q2a. Now I'd like to ask you about a specific upcoming criminal trial in your community. Back in 2021, Nassau County Sherriff Deputy Joshua Moyers was shot during a traffic stop on Sandy Ford Road near Callahan. Patrick McDowell was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about this case?

- Yes..... 1 Go TO Q3a
- No..... 2 GO TO Q2b
- Don't know..... 8 GO TO Q2b
- Refused/NA..... 9 GO TO Q2b

Q2b. Patrick McDowell was captured and arrested at the Callahan Little League concession stand four days after the shooting. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about this case?

- Yes..... 1 Go TO Q3a
- No..... 2 GO TO Q16
- Don't know..... 8 GO TO Q16
- Refused/NA..... 9 GO TO Q16

Note: Results are on page 5.

Q3a. Based on what you have read, seen, or heard, do you believe Patrick McDowell is definitely guilty; probably guilty; probably not guilty; or definitely not guilty of murder?

Note: Results are on pages 5-6.

COMBINED TOTALS: Q2A-Q2B (RECOGNITION) AND Q3A (PREJUDGMENT)

Q2a & Q2b. Recognize the case

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Recognized case	169	84.5%
Doesn't recognize case	31	15.5%
First probe (Q2A)	158	79%
Second probe (Q2B)	11	5.5%

Q3a. Prejudgment I: Total prejudgment (by those who recognize the case)

Nassau County (n=169)		
	Frequency	Percentage
Definitely guilty	96	56.8%
Probably guilty	44	26%
No opinion	11	6.5%
Probably not guilty	-	-
Definitely not guilty	1	.6%
Other	4	2.4%
Don't know	13	7.7%
Refused/NA	-	-

Nassau County (n=169)		
	Frequency	Percentage
Guilty	140	82.8%
Not guilty	1	.6%
No opinion	11	6.5%
Don't know; Refused; Other	17	10.3%

Q3a. Prejudgment II: Total prejudgment (by total sample)

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Definitely guilty	96	48%
Probably guilty	44	22%
No opinion	11	5.5%
Probably not guilty	-	-
Definitely not guilty	1	.5%
Other	4	2%
Don't know	13	6.5%
Refused/NA	-	-
Don't recognize the case	31	15.5%

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Guilty	140	70%
Not guilty	1	.5%
No opinion	11	5.5%
Don't know; Refused; Other	17	8.5%
Don't know; Refused; Other	31	15.5%

Q4. What have you read, seen, or heard about this case?

Note: Comments are on pages 22-28.

Q5. What are your thoughts and feelings about Patrick McDowell, Deputy Moyers, and this case?

Note: Comments are on pages 29-34.

Q6a. What three words do you believe best describe the defendant, Patrick McDowell?

Note: Comments are on pages 35-38.

Q6b. What is your opinion of Patrick McDowell?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Very positive	1	.6%
Somewhat positive	3	1.8%
No opinion	32	18.9%
Somewhat negative	24	14.2%
Very negative	89	52.7%
Don't know	19	11.2%
Refused/NA	1	.6%

Q7. What three words do you believe best describe Deputy Joshua Moyers?

Note: Comments are on pages 39-42.

Q8a. The prosecution is seeking the death penalty for Patrick McDowell. If the jury finds him guilty of first-degree murder it must then decide on whether to sentence him to the death penalty or to life without the possibility of parole. Which sentence do you believe the jury should select?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Death penalty	84	49.7%
Life without the possibility of parole	39	23.1%
Other	14	8.3%
No opinion	17	10.1%
Don't know	15	8.9%
Refused/NA	-	-

Q8b. Given what you have read, seen, or heard about this case, would Patrick McDowell have a difficult time convincing you that he should receive life without the possibility of parole instead of the death penalty?

Nassau County (n=131)		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	73	55.7%
No	22	16.8%
No opinion	13	9.9%
Don't know	23	17.6%
Refused	-	-

Q9a. How did the community respond to Deputy Joshua Moyers' death?

Note: Comments are on pages 43-47.

Q9b. What impact, if any, did Deputy Moyers' death have on community opinions toward local law enforcement officers in Nassau County?

Note: Comments are on pages 48-52.

SECTION III: LEVEL OF AWARENESS

Q10a. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell was captured and arrested at the Callahan Little League concession stand four days after he shot Deputy Moyers?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	135	85.4%
No	14	8.9%
Don't know	9	5.7%
Refused	-	-

NOTE: Only those who answered "yes" to Q2a were asked this question.

Q10b. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell pled guilty to first-degree murder?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	17	10.1%
No	122	72.2%
Don't know	30	17.8%
Refused	-	-

Q10c. Have you read, seen, or heard if Deputy Moyers was shot in the face and back?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	91	53.8%
No	48	28.4%
Don't know	30	17.8%
Refused	-	-

Q10d. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell shot a police dog during the search for him?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	113	66.9%
No	29	17.2%
Don't know	27	16%
Refused	-	-

Q10e. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell was diagnosed with PTSD and depression?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	66	39.1%
No	78	46.2%
Don't know	25	14.8%
Refused	-	-

Q10f. Have you read, seen, or heard if there was an outpouring of support for Deputy Moyers and his family after he died?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	155	91.7%
No	7	4.1%
Don't know	7	4.1%
Refused	-	-

Q10g. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell told the passenger in the car "It's either me or him" before he shot Deputy Moyers?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	46	27.2%
No	91	53.8%
Don't know	32	18.9%
Refused	-	-

Q11a. Have you ever talked about this case with your family, friends, or co-workers, or discussed it online, for example, on social media?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	92	54.4%
No	75	44.4%
Don't know	2	1.2%
Refused	-	-

Q11b. Have you ever heard others talking about this case in person or online?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	104	61.5%
No	62	36.7%
Don't know	3	1.8%
Refused	-	-

Q11c. Have you seen anything about this case or the community's response to the shooting on Facebook or other social media sites?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	82	48.5%
No	84	49.7%
Don't know	3	1.8%
Refused	-	-

Q12a. Have you read, seen, or heard any statements made by Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper about Patrick McDowell or the sentence he should receive for killing Deputy Moyers?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	36	21.3%
No [Skip to Q13]	113	66.9%
Don't know [Skip to Q13]	20	11.8%
Refused [Skip to Q13]	-	-

Q12b. Can you tell me what Sheriff Bill Leeper said?

Note: Comments are on page 53.

Q13. Have you seen any video footage of Deputy Moyers pulling Patrick McDowell over or footage immediately after he was shot?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	39	23.1%
No	123	72.8%
Don't know	7	4.1%
Refused	-	-

Q14. Did you, your family, or someone you know offer support, money, or resources to help law enforcement during the search for Patrick McDowell?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	34	20.1%
No	124	73.4%
Don't know	10	5.9%
Refused	1	.6%

Q15. Did you ever directly or indirectly know Joshua Moyers, his family, or people who knew him?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	48	28.4%
No	118	69.8%
Don't know	3	1.8%
Refused	-	-

SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS AND MEDIA EXPOSURE

Q16a. First, how often do you read a hard copy or online version of a newspaper?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Every day	21	10.5%
Several times a week	15	7.5%
Once or twice a week	39	19.5%
Less often than once a week	29	14.5%
Never	96	48%
Don't know	-	-
Refused/NA	-	-

Q16b. What newspapers do you read? I am interested in both local and out-of-town papers.

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Fernandina Beach News-Leader	19	18.3%
Fernandina Observer	1	1.0%
Nassau County Record	22	21.2%
Westside Journal	29	27.9%
The Yulee News	4	3.8%
Beaches Leader	1	1.0%
Florida Times Union	10	9.6%
Jacksonville Free Press	1	1.0%
Jacksonville Free Press	1	1.0%
Ledger, The	1	1.0%
New York Times	3	2.9%
USA Today	4	3.8%
Wall Street Journal	5	4.8%
Other	25	24.0%
Don't know	7	6.7%

Note: 24 respondents identified more than one newspaper.

Q17. How often do you listen to local news on the radio or watch it on television?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Every day	79	39.5%
Several times a week	26	13%
Once or twice a week	18	9%
Less often than once a week	20	10%
Never	56	28%
Don't know	-	-
Refused/NA	1	.5%

Q18. How often do you see local news or news related updates online or on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Every day	60	30%
Several times a week	15	7.5%
Once or twice a week	16	8%
Less often than once a week	20	10%
Never	87	43.5%
Don't know	1	.5%
Refused/NA	1	.5%

Q19. What city or town do you live in or nearest?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Amelia City	1	.5%
Bryceville	21	10.5%
Callahan	39	19.5%
Fernandina Beach	44	22%
Hilliard	29	14.5%
Yulee	64	32%
Don't know	1	.5%
Refused/NA	1	.5%

Q20. Could you please tell us how old you are?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
18 to 24	9	4.5%
25 to 34	25	12.5%
35 to 44	29	14.5%
45 to 54	42	21%
55 to 64	26	13%
65 or over	65	32.5%
Refused/NA	4	2%

Q21. Regardless of race, are you Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	5	2.5%
No	189	94.5%
Don't know	-	-
Refused/NA	6	3%

Q22. Regardless of your ethnicity, what is your race?

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
White	177	88.5%
African American	7	3.5%
Asian	-	-
American Indian	-	-
Mixed	3	1.5%
Other	-	-
Don't know	-	-
Refused/NA	13	6.5%

Q23. Finally, for statistical purposes only, we need to know if you have ever been convicted of a felony.

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	-	-
No	184	92%
Don't know	16	8%
Refused/NA	-	-

Q24. Gender:

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Male	94	47%
Female	106	53%

SECTION V: SUMMARY STATISTICS AND CROSS-TABULATIONS

Media Exposure

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
Reads paper regularly	36	18%
Does not read regularly	164	82%
Watch/listen to local news regularly	105	52.5%
Does not watch/listen to local news regularly	95	47.5%

**Regularly means at least several times per week.*

Media Penetration

Nassau County		
	Frequency	Percentage
High media penetration* ¹	27	13.5%
Medium media penetration* ²	87	43.5%
Low media penetration* ³	86	43%

Cumulative Number of Additional Facts Recognized*

Nassau County	
	Percentage
No additional facts	3.6%
One or more additional facts	96.4%
Two or more additional facts	88.2%
Three or more additional facts	76.3%
Four or more additional facts	56.2%

Note: Percentage who knew of incident and answered "yes" to one or more of questions Q10a, Q10b, Q10c, Q10d, Q10e, Q10f, and Q10g.

¹ Reads regularly and watches/listens regularly to local news.

² Reads regularly but doesn't watch/listen regularly or watches/listens regularly but doesn't read regularly.

³ Does not read or watch/listen regularly.

CROSS TABULATIONS

Case Recognition by Media Habits

Have you read, seen, or heard anything about this case?

Col Pct (Count)	High	Medium	Low
Recognize the case	92.6% (25)	90.8% (79)	75.6% (65)
Do not recognize the case	7.4% (2)	9.2% (8)	24.4% (21)
	100.0% (27)	100.0% (87)	100.0% (86)

$\chi^2 = 9.213$ Sig. = 0.01

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Case Knowledge by Media Habits

Col Pct (Count)	High	Medium	Low
None	0% (0)	1.3% (1)	7.7% (5)
One fact	0% (0)	7.6% (6)	12.3% (8)
Two facts	16% (4)	11.4% (9)	10.8% (7)
Three facts	24% (6)	17.7% (14)	21.5% (14)
Four or more facts	60% (15)	62% (49)	47.7% (31)
	100.0% (25)	100.0% (79)	100.0% (65)

Cor. = 5.861 Sig. = 0.015

Impressions of Defendant by Case Knowledge

What is your opinion of Patrick McDowell?

Col Pct (Count)	None	One fact	Two facts	Three facts	Four or more facts
Very positive	0% (0)	7.1% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
Somewhat positive	0% (0)	0% (0)	5% (1)	0% (0)	2.1% (2)
No opinion; don't know	83.3% (5)	50% (7)	35% (7)	42.4% (14)	18.9% (18)
Somewhat negative	16.7% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	21.2% (7)	16.8% (16)
Very negative	0% (0)	42.9% (6)	60% (12)	36.4% (12)	62.1% (59)
	100.0% (6)	100.0% (14)	100.0% (20)	100.0% (33)	100.0% (95)

$X^2 = 39.556$

Sig. = 0.001

Sentence by Impressions of Defendant

Which sentence do you believe the jury should select, the death penalty or life without the possibility of parole?

By

What is your opinion of Patrick McDowell?

Col Pct (Count)	Very positive	Somewhat positive	No opinion; don't know	Somewhat negative	Very negative
Death penalty	100% (1)	0% (0)	25.5% (13)	37.5% (9)	68.5% (61)
No opinion; don't know	0% (0)	33.3% (1)	49% (25)	20.8% (5)	16.9% (15)
Life without the possibility of parole	0% (0)	66.7% (2)	25.5% (13)	41.7% (10)	14.6% (13)
	100.0% (1)	100.0% (3)	100.0% (51)	100.0% (24)	100.0% (89)

$X^2 = 37.368$

Sig. = 0.001

Fixed Opinion by Impressions of Defendant

Given what you have read, seen, or heard about this case, would Patrick McDowell have a difficult time convincing you that he should receive life without the possibility of parole instead of the death penalty?

By

What is your opinion of Patrick McDowell?

Col Pct (Count)	Very positive	Somewhat positive	No opinion; don't know	Somewhat negative	Very negative
Yes	0% (0)	0% (0)	26.3% (10)	53.3% (8)	72.4% (55)
No	0% (0)	0% (0)	21.1% (8)	20% (3)	14.5% (11)
No opinion	100% (1)	0% (0)	21.1% (8)	13.3% (2)	2.6% (2)
Don't know	0% (0)	100% (1)	31.6% (12)	13.3% (2)	10.5% (8)
	100.0% (1)	100.0% (1)	100.0% (38)	100.0% (15)	100.0% (76)

$\chi^2 = 39.748$

Sig. = 0.001

Fixed Opinion by Familiar with Nassau County Sherriff Leeper's Statements

Have you read, seen, or heard any statements made by Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper about Patrick McDowell or the sentence he should receive for killing Deputy Moyers?

By

Given what you have read, seen, or heard about this case, would Patrick McDowell have a difficult time convincing you that he should receive life without the possibility of parole instead of the death penalty?

Col Pct (Count)	Yes	No	Don't know
Yes	66.7% (18)	54.1% (46)	47.4% (9)
No	18.5% (5)	20% (17)	0% (0)
No opinion	11.1% (3)	8.2% (7)	15.8% (3)
Don't know	3.7% (1)	17.6% (15)	36.8% (7)
	100.0% (27)	100.0% (85)	100.0% (19)

$X^2 = 12.534$ Sig. = 0.051

Appendix A: Open-Ended Responses

Q4. What have you read, seen, or heard about this case?

Comment
Just what I've seen in newspapers and TV, police reports.
I saw some of the body cam video where they found him and I think a dog was going after him or something.
I watch the news, so anything that was on the news.
Shot in face and back.
I just know that he was driving and was pulled over and he shot a cop and ran, which was very scary. People were looking everywhere and it shut the town down mostly. I had just had a baby and we live close to where it happened, I went to my neighbors house. Don't know how long it took, but once when they found him he was at a school or something in the snack room eating the snacks. They sent a dog after him and the cop that got him told him he should have killed himself.
Just what the news said.
Not really anything.
I can't remember.
Just know what the news has said.
Very little.
What the news media has reported.
My husband's a retired cop, not from Nassau, just some of the things, him hiding out, the dogs, hiding out for several days. If you're not guilty why are you hiding out? My children and grandchildren were out here, we were not here at the time.
I don't remember.
I heard he was hiding and his girlfriend was hiding him.
I know just that he was pulled over for something and shot the cop. After he shot him he ran and was found some days later.
When an officer stops a black they go for their gun, when they stop a white they don't go for their guns, and everyone should be treated the same. The officer should have been ready regardless of race, have to treat hostility with hostility, treat kindness with kindness. It's a tragedy what happened. But you must be ready and treat everyone equally. The attitude that you can trust a white over a black, he might not be dead, but it's a tragedy. It was a foolish tragedy.
About him running and shooting Josh and he was hanging out at the ball park with the girl. She should be brought up on charges too and the K9 dog was shot.
Only on the news.
I don't know a whole lot, but I know he shot the cop and multiple counties ended up looking for him for days.
It was a traffic stop and the cop came out to the car, he shot him and fled and he was found in the bathroom at the recreation center.
I heard that he had been in the vehicle, and said he's not going back to prison.
Heard that he was stopped and point blank shot the officer, and took off running.

I just remember the shooting and the man search that went on, the residents of Nassau County that rallied to help support all the deputies that came in, making food for all the deputies. They got together at the local church, had food around the clock for all the deputies that came in from around the country to help with the search. Feeling a sense of relief after they caught him.
Just the facts that he shot the deputy.
He shot him at point blank range. I heard his girlfriend helped him hide.
Just remember it being talked about in the news.
It was a traffic stop and the deputy was shot and killed. He ran and they found him.
I know that Joshua pulled the guy over near a train track and the guy flipped out and shot Joshua in the face and he ran. Many cops from counties close came to help look for this guy, they found him at a soccer field hiding.
Read everything about it.
I heard that he dodged the cops for a while. Only the policeman, the guy and God knows what happened and sometimes evidence can be wrong.
It happened about five miles up the road from me, so I'm very aware of it. I'm familiar with where it happened, where he ran off to, and where they found him. He ran off and they found him a couple of days later, meanwhile he had a girlfriend with him at the time of the incident and she fingered him at the end to save herself. I really remember all the details.
I only remember he was shot and killed.
I don't live right where it happened, so I don't remember a lot; but I do know they searched for this guy for about a week.
Heard about the shooting.
All of it, from the TV, paper and people and media.
I can't recall specific information. I don't remember stuff like that, that was directly related to me.
Read it all since it happened.
Daughter went to school with the victim and I believe he was gunned down.
He shot the officer twice on a traffic stop. He fled. He was under the influence. He suffered from PTSD as an army ranger. More than half of his unit has killed themselves. They couldn't live with what they did in the military. The cops including the sheriff made him crawl on the ground. They were in-human. He should go away, but should get help. The cop did not deserve that and I don't think he did anything wrong.
Not other than what I saw on TV when they caught him, and I saw the deputy's body being returned home, people lined up on side of road.
He pulled over the guy and his girlfriend and was close to a train, that I guess set the guy off because he had PTSD or something and he shot the cop. I remember there was a manhunt for the guy for days and they found him at a soccer field. They shut whole neighborhoods down, including ours.
Read about the case.
What was shown on the news.
I just heard that the guy was pulled over for erratic driving early in the morning one day and shot the officer that pulled him over then ran. The cops had to find him, when they did it was at a school or something.
That it was a traffic stop, the deputy pulled him over and then he was running on foot for several days. I would like to hear all of the evidence, because I heard that Patrick McDowell had been in the

Army and had some trauma from his time in the service, resulting in problems such as PTSD and other mental health issues.
Husband was involved in the search.
I just know what was on the news, that the deputy pulled him over and was shot then the gentleman went into hiding for days and they searched for him.
That he shot the officer and he hid out in the ball park and they captured him in the ball park. He had help, some woman helped him out. They cancelled the game that night because he had not been found and they heard he was in the area. I kind of feel for the officer because when you have a stop like that, and approach the car you never know what it's going to be. Their lives are on the line every day, they want to go home to their family just like the person they stopped.
He had some mental problems.
In car video, several news articles, news videos.
The deputy was shot.
I know just that he was pulled over and shot the deputy.
I vaguely remember the case, but I don't remember the facts. It's been too long and I wasn't involved. I don't know enough about it to talk about it.
He was running from the cops.
I believe the deputy was shot in the face. They spoke of the chase, first by vehicle then on foot. I'm sorry I don't remember all the details, but I remember him shooting the deputy in the face and killing him. I don't even remember what he did in the first place to bring this on.
I don't remember.
Saw video on news, remember when he was found and arrested.
He stopped a guy and do not know for sure what else happened.
Just that he was pulled over by police and shot the deputy.
He was shot.
I just saw somewhere that the cop pulled someone over or something and was shot.
Saw a lot and heard a lot, short videos, neighbors that are officers.
Nothing much.
Everything that was printed. I think he is incredibly guilty.
He got shot, the guy, he fled, found him in the little league dugout.
All over the media and schools were locked down.
The deputy was shot coldblooded and he was just doing his job.
I saw a surveillance video. I remember seeing pictures of the traffic stop, video of the traffic stop. It's been a long time, I remember seeing the video in my mind solidifying he was most definitely guilty. Where he was found, I remember because my kid played soccer there.
They tried to pull him over and he ran and they found him in the park.
I just know what the news told us, that he pulled the guy over and was shot, he then ran and they looked for him for a while.
I just remember he had stopped the man, there seemed like there was a chase, they saw a weapon, there was some scuffle and he did what he did in self-defense in the line of duty. There's been so many between here and Jacksonville, it seems like one every day. You can't say this one, who was shot here or there. It's getting out of hand, has been for many years. It was not the policeman's fault. He did what he did in the line of duty.
From what I understand, the officer was doing his job and was gunned down in the line of duty.
What's been in the media and talked about in town.

I just know that a police officer was shot after pulling the guy over.
I just remember him dying and it was really sad, it was just uncalled for, just unnecessary. I just remember the procession they did for him, that a lot of people were really upset about it.
He shot the cop in the face and hid at the park and the whole town was in lock down. The girlfriend tried to sneak him out.
I just remember that Moyer was shot and killed while on duty after pulling the other guy over.
Nassau County Sheriff got shot.
They locked down my son's school, because the concession stand was behind the school, community was in panic, don't know too many details.
He was pulled over, ran and hid for a few days. He was found in the concession stand. He was former military and had mental issues.
The family members during that week or so were looking for that guy, Patrick, just keeping up with the family members during that week, it was a sad time. I do remember there were some folks pretty happy when they found the suspect and found him guilty. They had it on film, clear evidence. There was no one else around so how could he have gotten killed.
I know that the cop pulled him over and was shot. I've heard that the guy that shot him was either on drugs or was mental.
There was a traffic stop, train across the tracks, man and woman in vehicle, guy opened fire and drove off, and ran and hid.
I remember the guy being caught at the baseball field.
The man is guilty of shooting a deputy. His girlfriend was in the car.
I heard that the deputy was shot.
Heard that the sheriff was shot in the line of duty.
I heard about the case in general, no specifics.
Everything, my husband went to school with Josh.
He stopped him and he shot him and then ran. They were looking for him.
That he was pulled over and then he was shot.
I know Sheriff Joshua Moyers and he was a really good person.
I heard that it was a traffic stop and the cop was shot during it then died later.
That it was a traffic stop, deputy was shot and the shooter fled the scene, and that it was near a little league park.
I haven't heard anything about it in a while, so I can't remember much, but I do remember that the guy was being pulled over or something like that when he shot the cop. I know they looked for him for a while and I think I remember something about he pled guilty.
They said they found him in a ballfield, looked for him for a couple of days and found him in a ball field, some kind of public grounds. They didn't find him in his bed, put it that way, he was hiding somewhere.
He was mentally unstable and needed meds.
I don't know much of anything. I know the cop was shot. I know he was engaged, he had lunch with his wife or fiancé right before and I remember that the person that shot him also shot a dog.
I know that the newspaper tried to recreate what happened and they never get it right. I don't believe a word they say, so I never repeat it.
He got pulled over and he shot him in the face. The passenger stayed. He took off.
Just what the TV says.
No idea.

He shot the deputy on a routine traffic stop.
I know that he was an illegal that was trying to get away. He shot the cop and they looked for him for days.
He killed the deputy and was running from the law and was not stable in the head.
He made a traffic stop and was shot.
He was hiding out and didn't have to shoot the cop, all he had to do was behave and it would have went different.
I can't remember.
That he was shot and killed and finally captured.
The deputy did a traffic stop and ran a background check and found he was wanted, had a warrant on him or something, either a warrant check or he was in a stolen car I can't remember. When he went back to the car, the defendant pulled out an AK47 and shot and killed him at point blank range, the deputy never even had a chance to pull his weapon. He ran from the police and they found him at the intermediate school by the ballpark 6 or 7 days later, at the concession stand of the ballfield.
I saw the video of the event happening, what was released to the public. It was all over the news and social media.
I was told it was a routine stop and he was shot.
Just remember that he was found in the park.
It was a routine traffic stop. He shot the deputy. He was caught in the food court area. They want the death penalty.
As you described him being shot, it's been awhile. Most recently remembrances, fundraisers for the sheriff's office. The Christmas parade, they still had remembrances on the side of a squad car and a fire truck. It's been a year since I've seen something in the paper. It's not something I dwell on that much. I read it and moved on.
He got pulled over and shot the police officer.
Just that it said on Facebook it was a murder and an arrest was made over the deputy sheriff.
It was Nassau County, it was in Callahan. My ex-husband lives in Callahan and my son wanted to go see him, but there was a man hunt for the killer; so I wouldn't let my son go to Callahan.
Heard that Deputy Moyers was shot while pulling over someone.
Just what the news reports. Seems he is guilty.
That an officer was shot.
I don't remember.
Don't know, it's been awhile.
He did hide out and was found, an innocent person does not do that.
McDowell was mental. He had PTSD. The neighborhood was terrified. He was loose in my neighborhood 3/4 of a mile from my house. Deputy was shot twice in the face and shot on the ground. Sheriff Leeper broadcasted that he was in the neighborhood and was armed and dangerous. He said if he comes into your house, blow him away.
Heard what happened on the news. Moyer was shot at a traffic stop.
I remember when it happened, there was some issue and the officer got shot. The suspect was arrested pretty quickly and I believe they were sure of his guilt.
Almost nothing.
That the officer was out there alone, but it's been awhile.
Yes, heard about it on the news and local community.
It's been a while, very foggy, not sure.

I remember it was near a railroad track when he got out, shot the officer then escaped on foot. He was found with 72 hours as I recall. If it's the person I'm thinking of, that's it.
I remember that a deputy was shot.
A little bit of everything.
He confessed to being guilty. I live in the area where all this happened. Every time I hear the train whistle blow I think about it. It's difficult to talk about, I used to live by that way and every time I pass that site I think about it. I remember the search, the concession stand where he crawled out of is right where I pick up my granddaughters. Our church was the staging area for the police activity.
He was friends with Deputy Moyer's fiancé.
He shot the officer in the face. They found him at the ball park.
Saw it on the news, and live close to where it happened.
Just saw it on the news.
It happened right here in Callahan. I know the exact spot it happened and the exact spot they caught the boy. The county was tracking him through the swamp and had blood hounds on him. Couldn't find him for a week, holed out in the swamp, he shot a dog, I think it was the swat team checking houses for him. They exchanged shots, I know he shot a dog, don't know if it was Nassau or Duval, helping search for him. They shot him in the leg, when he turned himself in he had a bullet hole in his leg, I think they turned the screaming eagles out on him, renegade Seminoles living the old ways.
I just remember reading the basics back when it happened, mostly just that he pulled someone over at night and the person shot and killed him. I seem to remember they had to look for the guy for a few days before they found him.
Heard only a little about it, police officer got shot.
That he was ex-military and kind of knew his way around in the woods and stuff and he was dangerous, armed and dangerous.
I was on Facebook and saw the reports of it coming in. The guy was on the run and shot the police officer.
I know Josh pulled him over due to a routine traffic stop for a stolen car or something I think, the person then proceeded to shoot Josh and ran from the site. For days the person was looked for. He shot a police dog during the search. Josh later died at the hospital from the shot. Finally the guy was found by police and jailed.
What they had in the paper.
He stopped the car and he shot him and hid from cops for a few days. His girlfriend was with him. They found him at the ballpark.
I knew Moyers personally.
The original stuff in the paper and I remember seeing the case. I don't know much about this case. I don't do media.
Huge news when it happened.
It was tragic.
What I remember is it was early in the morning or late at night, he pulled this guy over and was killed, I think.
He's a veteran who has severe PTSD and wasn't getting help. The deputy stopped him. He was on drugs. He was shot.
I am a deputy in Jacksonville, when we apprehended him it was great.

Deputy Moyer went to school with my son. Heard that McDowell went crazy and ran away and hid at the intermediate school in Callahan.
He was shot by the tracks. Put everyone on alert.
Saw the released dash cam footage from Deputy Moyer's vehicle.
I just remember the guy pulled him over and was shot, then they searched for him for a few days. The concession stand they found him at is the same one my kids are a part of.
I just remember that someone was in a car and got pulled over and he got shot.
Not a lot.
Just what was on the news, how he shot him and then ran and hid and how he was found.
He shot and killed him.
McDowell was found at the ballpark and had mental issues.
Traffic stop gone bad, girlfriend in car stated that it happened.
The basics, that the officer pulled him over, he was shot, the man ran, and was later caught.
Not too much, I can't see to read and I hear what I hear and I remembered the part about him being found in the dugout.
Lived by the area, McDowell had someone in the car with him and shot the officer during a traffic stop. He stayed out in the woods for awhile and was captured at the ball park.
It happened in front of our house.
The suspect was doing criminal activity.

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Q5. What are your thoughts and feelings about Patrick McDowell, Deputy Moyers, and this case?

Comment
To me it seems pretty evident what happened, and it shouldn't have happened. The person who did it should be held responsible.
It's sad, but I didn't know either so I have no thoughts really.
If he is found guilty, I feel he should face the maximum penalty.
No opinion.
I think it's really sad, but I would be curious to know what Patrick was thinking at that moment, because I think he didn't have a record up until then, so what made him do it. When he was on the run from the police, I went to my neighbors house when my husband was at work. I was scared to be by myself because I had just had a baby. A month later, the husband of my neighbor, who was also there that day, killed his whole family and I was shocked and couldn't believe I was that close to a killer.
My heart goes out to the family of the deputy and even the shooter's family. It's just horrible.
I don't know.
I would not ever want to comment.
No opinion.
I don't know all the facts.
He deserves to be held to the full extent of the law.
I haven't thought about it in several years, so I don't know.
I think the cop was doing his job.
He should have never killed him and should have obeyed the traffic stop.
I think he should get the death penalty, and it's a very sad case.
No other opinion in particular, don't know what was on Patrick McDowell's mind.
I think Patrick McDowell should have lethal injection or rot in jail. I grew up with Josh Moyers.
No opinion.
I think they should have shot and blew his brains out right there on the spot when he was found.
My feelings about the defendant; I have none, didn't know him, haven't heard of him until then. The deputy, I have the utmost respect for law enforcement. I was raised in a military family, my father was Navy, my mother DIA.
I believe he was guilty.
No opinion.
That it was a tragic event, totally unnecessary.
He should be found guilty.
He did it and should not have done it.
No opinion.
I believe he is guilty and he had some mental issues. I think he needs mental help. Maybe considered to be put in a mental facility for life.
I knew Joshua for about eight years and he was a great guy, didn't really know Patrick. Everyone was very upset about what has happened.
Sad and mad.

I believe if he did it then he should pay the price. Back in the day his family would have taken care of him, but if he did the crime he should pay for it.
I don't have any; I didn't know any of them.
I'm unsure.
I didn't know either person, but of course I was sad about it.
I really liked Deputy Moyer he was good and a bad lost for the community.
I don't know them, so I don't have any opinions.
I really don't have any. I'm impartial.
He is very guilty.
It was sad. Made no since. I think he had mental issues.
It's a terrible case and I feel terrible for the officers family. I can't really say about the other guy because I don't know what he was thinking or feeling.
The officer did nothing to deserve death. McDowell, I don't think he's in his right mind. He should never get out but he needs help. The family of the officer deserves something. The girl in the car saw the gun and did nothing. She didn't help by alerting officers.
I feel sorry for the deputy's family.
I wish there was a way to better protect law enforcement, but I just don't know how they could do that.
Moyers was doing his job and that was a murder.
Someone like him should not be allowed to walk the streets free.
I feel bad for Deputy Moyer, he lost his life and his family and feel sorry for McDowell, but you have to pay for what you did.
I think the guy that shot him was sick and not right. I do know the guy was in the services and had PTSD . From what I hear about the cop he was a good guy, but I didn't know him.
I feel sorry for the deputy, his family and even the guy that did the shooting. That's three lives changed forever.
My heart goes out to Deputy Moyers because he's not with us anymore and if they find him guilty he should get the maximum sentence.
Got to go to jail and it was a horrible thing.
He should go to trial, be found guilty and get the death penalty.
I don't know Patrick. The officer was a good dude.
I am sad about what happened for everyone involved. Deputy Moyers was just doing his job making sure people like me are safe.
The person killed the deputy, killed what I've heard was a nice person and wrongly executed. His life was taken for no reason. If in fact he did the killing, he should pay for it. That would be the case in any situation.
I think he should have taken the charge.
I think he should be brought to justice. His family deserves it.
Did not know either person, so no opinion.
I have no opinion.
I didn't know any of the people. What I thought of is what I got on the news. What they showed me was cut and dry between the altercation and the deputy being killed in cold blood. I thought this case was already done.

Patrick McDowell can burn in hell and I don't care. I think he deserves the death penalty. I didn't know the Deputy, but I think all he was doing was his job and he should be remembered as a hero like all of them.
I feel it was emotional for the community, and he dies from someone that shouldn't even be in this country, and left behind a small child and it's extremely sad.
He shot him and the dog survived.
Haven't followed all the way, if he's guilty he's guilty.
It's sad that the police get shot at.
It's been awhile, but it was very sad, the guy that did it is a scumbag that should rot in hell.
McDowell should be dead already, the incident should have never happened.
McDowell should never have gone to trial. He should have been shot. Moyers was raised by a good family and he's a good man. Top-notch.
I don't know any more other than what was in the news, no real opinion on it.
No opinion.
Terrible, sad, and he should pay for his crime.
I think that Patrick McDowell needed help before this happened as a veteran and he did not get that help. He made a tragic decision and Josh paid the price for it.
I feel the deputy did his job and McDowell is a menace.
It's disappointing that it happened.
Nothing other than what I just said, except he was doing his duty, the policeman was.
Seems like evidence is stacked pretty high against him.
My heartfelt feelings go out to the Deputy's family, coworkers and friends.
I'm almost sure I went to school with Joshua, didn't know the other guy. It's a very sad case.
I don't really know Patrick's background. I don't really know the deceased either, but it really rubbed me wrong. It seems the police officer was doing his job and was wrongfully killed just for serving and protecting.
The deputy stopped him and he should get the death sentence. He also shot the police dog. He should pay the ultimate price.
It's tragic that Joshua was killed.
I don't have any feelings about it.
My personal opinion, if someone is capable of harming law enforcement that's terrible, possible former military and mental problems, and we don't do enough for people with mental issues. No excuse for murder regardless of the situation.
McDowell suffered mental health issues. That doesn't excuse it.
I just think all in all it's sad from both ends, because he was a veteran with PTSD, that's what was said, from the Marine Corps. Obviously what happened was wrong but it definitely didn't help the other guy's situation, going to jail for the rest of his life isn't going to fix whatever issue he's got going on, but he has to because he killed somebody. As far as I know, he's going to be in for the rest of his life, I could be wrong.
It's sad for all involved. You never know what people are going through to make them do stuff like this.
I feel sorry for everyone involved, suspect was a troubled veteran, not sure if he received proper care, feel compassion for family of deputy as well, bad situation.
I have no thoughts, it doesn't affect me.
Moyers is doing what he thought was best. The other man was a military man with issues.

He should have been shot and the deputy's family needs all the support.
Feel bad for policeman, but don't feel bad about Patrick McDowell family.
It makes me angry and sad.
No opinion.
The deputy, my heart was very sad. He was young. The person that did it must be lost.
Don't know.
Besides the fact it was sad, you can't really say much.
I hate that the man was murdered, hate to see anybody murdered, no matter who it is, deputy, civilian, nobody deserves to be murdered. The guy they have I don't know him, don't know where he lives, don't know if he's guilty or not, don't know if he's innocent. I didn't know him either, if he was married or has kids, I just know he was a deputy shot at a traffic stop, I can't even call it murder until I know more about it. Nobody could. Murder is one thing, premeditated is another, manslaughter is another. Deputy Moyers, I'm sure was a great guy, that's all I know about him.
No thoughts really, just shocked that it happened in our county.
I know nothing, so I really don't have any feelings. I mean it's sad of course.
Shocked is all.
I think that Deputy Moyers deserves that. I am a proponent of law enforcement. Murder is not ever justified.
It remains to be seen what goes on in the courtroom and what happens. They have made this young man out to be a drug addict and alcoholic when I know he was a veteran. As a vet myself, I know what this young man deals with, who knows what made this young man do this. The cop should have never pulled the young man over without back up on a dark road alone.
McDowell not much. The deputy, I feel for his family. It's a sad situation.
It should be justice and he should pay the price.
It was wrong and the police need to be respected more.
From what I've seen, it's got to be a nerve racking job to be pulling over someone, and be shot at. All the cop is doing, is his job. It's a shame.
I have no remorse for the defendant. I feel sorry for the deputy's family.
I think that once the evidence is out he will be pleading guilty and get the death penalty.
No thoughts.
Josh is sadly dead, I don't believe in the mercy thing, so if he is convicted he should have the death penalty.
I think it's very difficult to be a police officer.
He is guilty.
I don't think Deputy Moyer had a fighting chance at all and the defendant basically murdered him and he deserves everything he gets.
I think the whole thing was tragic, didn't see the point of what Patrick did, very pointless.
I believe the justice system will make the right decision.
No idea.
On both sides. I went to school with a guy who worked for the sheriff's department and in 1994 he got killed in Callahan one evening at the McDonald's parking lot. It's just sad that it ended that way. You question why it ended like that, what was the five minutes leading up to

the point where that happened. It's sad. I don't condone shooting anyone. It's sad he felt he didn't have any other way out other than shooting the deputy.
Mc Dowell I despise for shooting him, and my heart goes out to the family and have respect for the officer
This was a tragic event.
I'm pro-law enforcement as long as they are not corrupt, in the absence of any law enforcement there is bad activity.
I don't really know much about either of them. Nassau County is amazing and they do everything as expected, but I have no information on Mr. McDowell. My heart goes out to Deputy Moyer's family. I don't even know if Patrick is alive or dead. I don't turn the news on anymore because it is too sad. The only way I knew about it was because of the alerts and not wanting my son to go to Callahan.
Feel sorry for both parties, because their families are both affected.
Do not have a lot of opinions.
It was tragic and justice will be served.
Sounds like he killed the man.
Sadness for the deputy's family.
I think he should stay in prison. Do not know update.
PTSD is a real thing. The statements he made to the girl that was with him. He doesn't know how to live with the rules. He shot and killed that man. They moved him to Jacksonville. It's a tight community.
Did not know anything about it.
Feel that the situation was sad on both sides and that circumstances brought it to the outcome.
No opinion.
I don't have any specific thoughts or feelings about it; I didn't know either person personally. I think he committed a crime and if he's found guilty of it, he should serve the sentence according to the crime.
I don't really think that is relevant.
Horrible thing.
All I know about Deputy Moyers was that he was an outstanding, fine individual doing his job. I'm not sorry he's in jail.
He deserves capital punishment.
I hate that it would happen to anyone.
No opinion.
Unfortunate that someone was killed.
I don't have any personal thoughts. I don't know the full details, I can't judge, I just don't know.
Super sad, Josh was a great guy that didn't deserve this.
I think it was terrible that he killed the deputy.
Deputy Moyers was doing a routine stop. McDowell had stuff in his past and decided to shoot Joshua.
No opinion.
I mean he's guilty, there isn't a doubt. He shot the boy out there at the railroad track, in cold blood, there's no need for that. I never knew him. I hope the boy gets what he deserves for

killing him. He's dead and gone now, mama's out of a son, hopefully the boy that killed him can find the Lord.
I feel really bad about Josh being killed.
No opinion.
I think it is unfortunate for the deputy. I have no opinion on Patrick, it is an unfortunate thing. God bless the officer and his family.
No opinion.
I don't have any. I don't tend to have opinions of things on subjects about things I don't know about.
No opinion.
Tragic and sad.
I don't have any.
I think he should be hung.
I have a lot of sympathy for the deputy's mother.
He should get the death penalty.
I don't know.
It was a senseless tragedy.
I found it very sad that someone died and if the guy did it he should stay in jail.
I don't know, I travel a lot and I don't know them.
I think it's dragging out too long.
McDowell is a criminal that needs to be put to death because he took a life. Deputy Moyers was a fine officer and didn't deserve to be shot and killed the way he was. There is too much evidence to try to say he didn't do it and he should be put to death and to do otherwise would be wasting peoples' time and money.
The deputy was an all around great guy. He did not deserve that.
McDowell is guilty, but don't feel like he was in his right mind.
No opinion.
I feel sadness for Deputy Moyers and his family.
I think Patrick ought to be sent up the river. I didn't know Deputy Moyers, he was young.
I feel that it was a tragedy that Deputy Moyers lost his life.
He needs to be punished.
The officer was murdered.
It's hard, it could have been any officer just doing his job and this guy took his life with no care of anyone's life. He should rot in jail or rot in hell, I don't care.

Q6a. What three words do you believe best describe the defendant, Patrick McDowell?

Comments
Cowardly
I know he shot someone, but that's all, so I wouldn't be able to say anything about him.
I don't have a strong enough opinion on that.
No opinion.
Terrifying, remorseful, young.
I have no idea.
I don't know.
No opinion at all.
I have no clue.
I don't know anything about him.
Drug addict.
I don't know.
Evil fellow and crazy man.
The jury should decide.
Repeat offender, it was a cold murder.
I don't know.
I don't know.
POS, guilty, no remorse.
I don't know, not sure.
Piece of trash, coward. I don't think he deserves to be in jail until he dies, he needs to die very soon.
I don't know.
POS, mental, dead.
No opinion.
Mental, guilty, can't think of a third one.
Unstable, frantic, odd.
Guilty, should get the death penalty.
Mentally ill individual.
Evil, heartless.
Amazed how many people could not detour another way to go to work. Said he stayed in the woods.
Mental, murderer, military.
No opinion.
PTSD, addict.
Murder, murder and murder.
Lost, dangerous, confused.
Stupid, and you can you can't fix stupid. He was stupid to take another person's life and take him away from his family.
I really don't know.
Arrested, not guilty until proven, and he's entitled to a fair trial.
I don't know him.
I never met him and can't comment.
I just know what I read of what he did or didn't do. I don't know him, so I don't have an opinion.

I don't know.
Guilty, sorry.
He had mental issues and needs to be in jail.
Mental, druggie.
I'm not sure.
Guilty as charged, sorry, worthless.
Do not know.
Addict, misguided, scared.
I can't decide.
Mental, criminal, cruel.
Piece of shit.
I don't know.
Confused, sad, angry.
I don't know.
Coward, no responsibility.
Poor, homeless, lazy.
Scumbag, filthy, sorry.
No comment.
Don't know him.
I have no opinion.
Coward, he is a drain on society.
I don't know him, I just read up about his past so I can't really say. I truly believe he was suffering from a possible mental disorder, so I can't say anything about him.
No opinion.
Guilty, murderer, undeserving.
Criminal, coward, monster.
Evil and guilty.
A piece of shit.
I don't know.
Just don't remember.
Why?
Selfish, low life.
No regard for human life, put kids in jeopardy, and got what he deserved.
Disappointed, useless.
In the wrong.
Scared, addicted, troubled.
I don't know him well enough to speak on that.
Troubled, confused.
I don't know.
Killer, murder, evil.
I have none.
I don't have an answer to that.
Troubled, reaching out for attention, standing before God.
Desperate, criminal, lonely.

Declined answer.
Unlucky.
I feel bad, but do not know for sure.
I don't know.
Confused young man.
Sorry, coward, worthless.
Dirty, rotten, murderer.
No words.
Crazy.
A bad person, lost.
Frightening, panic and scared.
I don't know the man or anything about him.
Guilty, guilty, guilty.
Coward, murderer, criminal.
Monster.
I don't know.
Sorry, angry.
That's hard, I don't know him.
Drugged out person.
Scum, trash and cold hatred.
Bad man, black heart and very wrong for what he did.
Coward.
Despicable, coward, slimeball.
Foul, evil, terrible.
I don't know anything about it.
None.
Misguided, noncompliant.
Don't know.
Don't know the guy.
A bad criminal.
Evil, reacted fast.
Rash, quick to act, in need of help.
Confused, anger, rage.
If he killed an officer "lost, confused, heartless."
No opinion, don't know him personally.
Sorry and guilty.
I don't know.
Guilty as sin.
Lost soul.
He is a criminal and should be in prosecuted.
Troubled, violent, guilty.
Insane, damn stupid.
Known derelict, less than desirable individual, prone to violence and generally an undesirable entity within our midst.

None, do not know.
PTSD, struggling.
No comment.
I don't know.
I don't know him, so how can I describe someone I don't know?
Terrible situation that should have not happened.
Don't know him.
Lost, evil and demented.
Human being, not perfect.
No comment.
I know nothing about him.
I don't even know if he is a Nassau County citizen. I just know someone died.
A lost soul.
Uneducated, murderer, untrustworthy.
No opinion.
Bad, unfortunate and life changing.
I don't know.
Coward.
I don't know.
Fallen through the cracks.
No opinion.
I don't really have much to say about him and what he has done. I'm not the judge or the jury.
I don't know.
Sad, coward, drugs.
I didn't know him.
Evil, coward.
Heartless, premeditated.
Didn't get the help he needed.
Animal, deserves death, guilty.
Reckless, illogical, immature.
I didn't know him.
Scared, uncertain about what's going to happen.
He's a murderer, may have past criminal activities, bring to trial soon.
Guilty, guilty, guilty.
There should be no mercy.
Sick, lost.
Don't know.
No opinion.
Cruel, he doesn't care about life.
Unstable, mental issues, bad judgement.
Don't know.
I don't know him. Radical, killer.
I have nothing to say for him.

Q7. What three words do you believe best describe Deputy Joshua Moyers?

Comment
Honorable, service focused, family man.
Upstanding, good person.
I know nothing about him besides that he was a public servant.
I don't know.
No opinion.
Loved, respected.
Hometown hero, honored.
Don't know anything about him.
No opinion at all.
Hero and I can't think of anything else.
Loyal.
Respectable deputy, person.
Good law man and enforcement.
He was a good man, single, engaged.
Doing his job.
Public servant, dedicated, gave his life.
Don't know.
Respectful, honored, brave.
Didn't know him.
Good, positive, easy going.
The sweetest person you would ever meet in life, great husband, childhood friend, dog lover.
He was a good deputy.
Heroic, faithful, servant.
He was a man of his word and lives for his community.
Young, had girlfriend and taken in prime of life.
No opinion.
Genuine, harmless, good.
Honorable, fair, trustworthy.
He was doing his job protecting the community.
He was good.
I don't know the man. I hate that his family lost a loved one and their hearts will heal and one day they can accept it.
A terrible loss.
Career oriented, hard working, dedicated.
I didn't know him.
A friend and we need more of them, gentleman.
I don't know him. He worked for the police department. So I think he must have been a good man to be a policeman.
I don't know.
Hero, good servant.
He was brave, decided and tried to do his job.

No opinion.
Undeserving, officer, professional.
Gave his life.
I have no opinion.
He was loyal to the community and a great person serving the community.
Courageous, an inspiration.
Patriot, dutiful.
Good.
I don't know, I don't really know much about his background.
Dedicated, brave and dependable.
Cop, do not know any other words.
Down to earth.
Very courageous, loyal.
Just dong his job, died in the line of duty.
Public servant, hero, police officer.
Fair, could talk to him, all around good guy.
Hero.
A fine man.
Brave, hero, responsible.
Had a great reputation.
Trying to keep the community safe, he gave his life.
Brave, hero, honorable.
Really good guy.
Valiant, kind, a good ole boy.
Hero, father, loyal.
Self-less, brave, hero.
Saint and good deputy.
Outstanding deputy, outstanding man, gave all.
I don't know.
Don't remember, not familiar.
Brave, serious.
Honest, kind.
Doing his duty.
Loyal, brave, honorable.
I don't know him well enough to speak.
Nice, honorable.
I don't know.
Doing his job, cop, kid.
Caring, loyal, hardworking.
I don't have an answer.
Gone too soon.
Trusted, committed, loyal.
Loyal, brave, compassionate.
Happy, unlucky, dead.

Hero, courageous, dedicated.
I don't know.
Fine young man.
Victim, hero, friend.
He was innocent and doing his job. Do not know him.
Wrong, careless, too trusting.
Honor, honest, doing his job.
I didn't know him personally. Protector.
Hero, doing his job, tragic.
Giving, honest, hard working.
Service to public, cop.
Honest, loyal, trustworthy.
There is no way I can do just three words when there is so many, so I don't know.
A good guy.
Brave, worthy.
Engaged.
Brave, dedicated, hard working.
A kind person, good soul and good police officer.
Brave, courageous hero.
Courageous, respectable, honest.
Good, hardworking deputy.
Fun young man.
Can't think of any.
Loyal, trustworthy, servant.
Crook.
I didn't know him to have any.
Unjustifiably killed, hero.
He was a good guy, did not know him.
Outstanding and caring.
Hard working, protective, family.
Brave, hero, dedicated to his duty.
I don't know anything about it.
All Nassau officers are outstanding, hard working gentlemen. He was doing his job protecting our citizens and he lost he life doing that. I just don't understand how someone takes someone's life.
Didn't know him personally, but heard he was a nice, generous and good person.
Can't answer. Did admire him.
I don't know.
I have no idea.
Community leader, compassionate, liked.
He was a good guy. Do not know anything about him, but I think he was doing his job.
Genuine, caring, upstanding.
Hero, serving community, good guy.
Dedicated law enforcement person, courage, not possessed by most of us and fearless.
Honorable, respectable, loyal.

Did not know him.
Gun hoe, believed raised by a good family, good reputation.
Respected, capable, professional.
No opinion.
I don't know him either, so I don't have an opinion.
Good hard working person.
Fine young man.
Brave, committed and God fearing.
I don't know anything about him.
Hero.
I don't know him.
Public servant.
I don't know.
I don't know.
Brave, supportive, defender.
No opinion.
Brave, unfortunate and sad.
No opinion.
Kind, outgoing, adventurous.
He was a good boy and it's a shame he got shot.
Faithful, servant.
He will always be remembered.
I don't know him and if I looked at his Facebook, but I don't do media and I try to not dwell on the news, especially local news. It is a barrage of propaganda.
No opinion.
Kind, dedicated, respectful.
I didn't know him.
Upstanding citizen, hero, very good.
Inexperienced, idealistic.
Caring, good hearted, great guy.
It's just sad. Doing his job.
Genuine, selfless, servant.
Kind.
Sad, unfortunate that his life ended like that.
He was a very good deputy, cared for everybody, he was a Christian.
Outstanding, defender of our freedom.
All around great guy. Would help anybody.
Positive, caring, friend of many.
Don't know.
Dedicated, servant.
I understand that he was a good deputy and he didn't deserve what he got, nobody deserves that.
Young, good person.
Hero, awesome, wonderful.
Controversial, steadfast.

Q9a. How did the community respond to Deputy Joshua Moyers' death?

Comment
I would say with outrage.
There was out pouring of support for the family.
Not so good, they were very upset.
I feel there was an outpouring of support for his family and outrage about what happened to him.
Angry.
They were horribly sad, they were very angry, they had groups looking for the guy that did it. They had benefits and memorials. It was a huge deal.
They were supportive of the deputy's family.
Shocked.
Don't know, no opinion.
It shook everyone up.
I wasn't in the community really at the time, so I don't know, my children were. I don't know.
Big time response, everyone showed support for family.
Very sensitive.
Positive way and was very angry.
They were sad and really came together.
Community felt bad, his family suffered greatly, community was saddened.
Devastated, the day of his funeral there were people lining the streets of Callahan going toward Hillard, miles and miles of people waving flags and showing support for all the deputies and his family.
Sadness.
Devastating.
I don't know.
We had a lot of police officers in our neighborhood, so it was quite upsetting.
Grief and outraged.
Heartfelt, community was heartfelt.
They were on the roads holding signs and flags in support.
I think they were outraged.
They came together for him. He was a good person and was respected by the community.
We were shocked, no one ever thought something like this would ever happen here. We are a small town that just don't have this kind of stuff.
Shocked, hurt.
Was hit really hard. He was so young.
They took it hard. Everybody had a hard time about it in Nassau County. He must have been a wonderful officer for it to affect as many people the way it did.
I think they all felt it was a tragedy and that the defendant should face the maximum penalty.
They were upset.
They were very shocked and sad that it happened.
Sad, shocked, mad.
Very well, they had parades and fund raisers.
I don't know.
Sadness, everyone supported the sheriff's office and family.

They were surprised it happened and was angry at the shooter, they all came together for the cop's family though.
They came together.
There was a very large outpouring and they came together. They were loving and caring.
I think they mourned him and was sad about it.
They were amazing with a lot of support for the family and other officers.
Support, food to the church, support the family.
Everybody joined together that Patrick McDowell is a coward.
Came together, life was cut too short.
They were very upset about it and supported the family.
The community that I am familiar with, I can't speak for the whole community, only the corner of people I know; they were very sad for that.
Devastated, support for his family.
Community was sad, outpouring of support.
It depends on what you thought about him.
They were very sad, from what I saw they had a memorial and was supportive.
Everybody was upset about it, from what I understand the deputy was a very fine man and deputy, but I did not know him either.
Very well, small town sadness.
Sad.
Personally, I remember it was a huge deal. It was sad. I live across from the cemetery he was buried at and he had tons of flowers and stuff. People still go and put stuff out there.
Responded with good support for his family.
I'm not so sure, at the timeframe I was working in Duval County going back and forth, but I do know any time an officer is killed many people regardless of which part of the county they're in, they have some family throughout it.
I think there was a cop parade.
Really sad. Lots of support for his family.
Sad, had a visual and parade.
The community was positive to support his family and law enforcement.
Devastated.
I work in a restaurant in Hilliard and when his funeral procession went though, I don't think I have ever seen a funeral procession as long as his. He actually died on my birthday.
I would say they were pretty upset and probably angry. I am one person, not the community, so I can't speak for it.
Don't remember.
Sadness, anger.
Impacted a lot of people in the community.
Outpouring of support. Even restaurants have items set up in his honor.
The community stood still for him. It was the longest procession and not a dry eye.
It was a big deal. He was very loved.
It was very supporting during this time around the family.
The feeling toward him was very positive, they were very upset about what happened to him.
As with many officers, it impacted the community, sad and united.
They acted appropriately.

Everyone rallied around his fellow police officers and his family.
I think everybody was like, it was a sad day. A lot of people were really upset about it, it felt like a wave of sadness over the community for sure.
The whole town wore shirts to support him. We like the police here.
They pulled together for the family.
I don't have an answer for that.
I believe we all stood together for the common good, the community came together.
Immediate full community support.
I would say as positively as they could, reaching out and helping the family as much as they could.
Hell, from my side of town, we are too damn poor to care.
All came together, had fundraisers, t-shirts made, brought all the community together.
Quite a few people were sad about it. It was sad to hear it happened, but did not really affect me.
They are still mourning the loss.
Saddened.
Do not talk about it to anyone.
It was horrible. It was bad, it damaged the community. A good man was killed.
Sad, upset, angry and pulling together to help support the sheriff department.
It was huge how they came together. We all stood at the highway as he was driven by.
Heart broken, angry and wanting justice.
I live far enough away from where it happened that I don't know how they were.
From what I saw they were saddened and upset.
There was an uproar, and mourning for the community.
They came out in honor for him, people were writing stuff on their cars for him and leaving messages all around town. They raised money and stuff for the family, I believe.
We all pulled together for the family.
It was shocking, and they lined the streets when the hearse when by.
Saw it all over the news, Facebook, a lot of mourning.
A lot of remorse for the family.
We like everyone else when this happens grieved the loss.
Sad.
Devastated.
The whole county came out in support.
Everyone was saddened over the whole situation.
There is a lot of the community that are parttime residents that didn't care either way, then you have the other half that was upset.
Put up a billboard and stood around the family.
They did a banquet and rallied around the family.
They were upset, the sentiment was it should've never happened and this guy was a bad criminal. The community backed Deputy Moyer.
Everyone felt that there was a sorrow, and community bond.
It was a very tragic and sad moment.
Don't know.
Some didn't care and paid no attention to it and some were outraged. Just depends on where you are and who you are talking to.

There was an outpouring from all aspects of the community, lots of vigils around the county, remembrances in parades since his death. A big outpouring as I would describe it.
They were horrified, it was awful.
I recollect there was an outpouring of sympathy, not as much as 30 years ago, but much sympathy.
I think everybody in the county was shocked, devastated and on lock down and broken-hearted. I locked my son down to keep him safe. He killed a police officer.
The loyal community took it hard because everyone is close.
Shocked, open arms and did several dedications to him.
They came together for support.
I don't know.
Community was shocked.
They did a parade for him and stood behind his family.
They grieved.
Don't know.
A neighbor said "no opinion."
The community was heartbroken. They had memorials and still support him.
Pretty big outpour of support for his family, and outrage.
They were very upset.
I don't know, Nassau County is a caring community, so I imagine they took care of their own.
Saddened.
Very supportive of his family, remembrances throughout the county at this point in time.
They rallied around his family and fiancé, raised money for him. He will never be forgotten.
I don't know. People were scared.
Very respectfully.
Very upset about it.
I think it was a shock that he was shot and killed because Nassau County is kind of quiet as far as crimes go. We don't have a lot of shootings or violent crimes.
I don't know.
There was a big showing of support for the man, lining the streets when they brought him back to be buried. From Callahan all the way to Fernandina Beach, people lined the side of the road waving flags.
It was every supportive of his family and angry at the other guy.
Don't know, was upset.
You know I live by myself and I stay with my mom some and there wasn't much talk about it at the time. Even my neighbors and friends didn't talk about it either. It was too terrible to talk about.
Up in arms, everyone was furious and angry.
They were very sad for Josh and his family, they still today honor him each anniversary.
They were very sorry about it.
They took his body from Jacksonville and the street was lined with people. It was tragic.
Tragic, we came together with a line of cars waiting all the way down US 1.
I wouldn't know, but if I had to guess, memorials and wonderful posts about his life and his family. No one talks bad about people when they die.
The community was supportive, love and support for the officer and his family.
Very sad.
I don't remember.

It was very sad and devastating.
Sad and respectful.
Everyone in the community came together and was ready to hunt the person who killed Deputy Moyers. The town was locked and loaded.
Everybody loved him.
The community was devastated and attempted to honor him the best way we knew how.
It rallied around the family, they had memorials, parades, and set up a Go Fund Me thing, if I remember right.
There was a lot of sadness and I don't know much else, I travelled a lot to Massachusetts to see grandbabies.
Shocked, grief.
Tragic and very saddened.
Horrible. He wouldn't have made it to the county.
The community hated it really bad.
Outraged.
Supportive, rallied to find the perpetrator.
I don't really get to go out much because of my eyesight, but from what I understand it was sad and people were very sad.
The community took it hard and it was heartbreaking.
Sad.
The whole community was up in flames about it. He was a good guy.

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Q9b. What impact, if any, did Deputy Moyers' death have on community opinions toward local law enforcement officers in Nassau County?

Comment
Let everyone know that they are a good upstanding sheriff's office.
I couldn't tell you, don't really keep up with news.
At least temporarily it showed support for local law enforcement.
Compassion.
I feel like they always loved the police, so it didn't change it.
I have a huge amount of respect for them.
I don't know.
Do not know if it had any impact on the community.
He was well loved and respected.
I think most people respect law enforcement for what they do, and made it that much more.
Made everyone feel like people are more at risk than they thought, made people's eyes more open.
Very good.
Really do not know how to answer that.
I don't know. I wasn't here.
None, we support our police.
I believe it made a positive impact. We're a very large but small community. I believe we're very loyal and dedicated to our people and it made that commitment to our own, he was from Nassau County. I didn't know him but it was impactful because he was one of us. Even people like me who didn't know him or his family, it was personal.
No idea.
I would say it was a given even before this that they respected the police.
Showed them how to approach a situation when getting pulled over or being approached.
I think it was a very positive outcome and even if you were in the wrong, Josh would always try to help you out.
No opinion.
I didn't know that guy, but we always love our police so it really didn't change. Just made us realize the danger they are in for a little while.
You saw more of the black and blue American flags, their support I should say.
Can't say, don't know of others' opinion.
Don't know. They do all stick together.
I have no idea.
It made a big support everybody was looking for him.
Not sure.
They all came together to support law enforcement.
No opinion.
I think that his death proved we need to have more respect for officers.
I think it was positive because of the active searching from police all around us and everyone came together for one cause.
No answer, no opinion.
Don't know.
I don't get into political stuff, I so I don't know.

Certainly not negative. If anything it would've had a positive impression on local law enforcement.
I don't think it did. We respect officers.
It brought people together more.
It was sad. He didn't deserve it. They were cruel to him.
More likely a positive impact for them, Back the Blue, they are not perfect, but they have a job to do.
Made them join together more, I think.
Showed the community the county law enforcement is very good.
It brought everyone together to support Deputy Moyer.
Made it appreciate the law enforcement a lot better.
From the way they all came together, I'd say it brought them together.
I don't know.
I don't think it had any type of affect, they already supported them.
Mixed because you have good officers and bad officers, and the officer that was killed was a good officer.
Scared for the community and the officers.
They were supportive before hand, so no change.
I think Leeper should have no control over the county.
Made me feel safer, so maybe it did them too.
I really don't know.
More aware of your surroundings.
To my knowledge they back law enforcement. If it makes any consolation, I know a lot of the deputies and work on their vehicles at Chevrolet. It's not the dealership in Nassau County, it's in Camden County, Georgia they come to.
None whatsoever.
Don't know.
No opinion.
My heart goes out to the law enforcement for what they deal with.
They are willing to give their lives for us.
I feel like it made us realize how this stuff can happen, even in small towns like ours and to support our police due to that.
No comment, don't know.
I don't know.
It made them stronger.
I would say it improved the community's view, makes people more aware of what law enforcement does for us.
Overall, nothing changed, they still love police officers.
We love officers always. I don't think they get enough respect or pay.
I don't know that it changed a whole lot of attitudes. I don't know enough to say that because I don't know what the opinions were before.
That he shouldn't have been killed.
Not really a lot, being an officer is dangerous, it didn't change that.
I know in Hilliard there was nothing but support for Nassau County and my restaurant fed them when they were out looking for McDowell. Even though we were feeding them, other customers were still trying to buy their dinners with much support.

It made us support them more than normal.
I think they have a lot of feelings for the police, now and always have, that it was something that shouldn't have happened.
In my opinion, it shined a light on the dangers of law enforcement in Nassau County.
It was mostly a very positive reaction, but it was already very positive; so it was strengthened because there was such a positive starting point.
I think because opinions toward police were going down for awhile, it really just reminded us the chances they take and everyone seemed to support them more.
I don't know.
Made them stick together.
It made us support them more.
No answer.
I think it may have changed the perspective on law enforcement and the risk they take, and how important their jobs are.
I think their response increased their trust.
I would say no change, but if anything, a slight increase in respect.
I really don't know lady, I don't trust many cops.
See local law enforcement everywhere.
I don't know.
It's always been positive, but this strengthened it.
Strength, my opinion of the sheriff.
I am sure they feel bad.
Not much.
Like I've already said, I don't live close enough and I stay in my house and mind my own business.
It gave them more hope and respect.
No opinion.
I think it brought them together.
I don't really know.
Think it made everyone realize what they face everyday.
I don't remember them ever feeling anything but good for our police, so I don't think it really changed it.
I don't know what impact it had. I'm sure it had an impact, but I'm not aware of it. I don't think the opinion toward local law enforcement changed. They do the best they can; they do a good job.
I think it made them angry.
It made us see what they deal with on a daily bases.
It made law enforcement officers more aware.
The officers were doing their job.
Different eye and he was wonderful.
I grew up here, and this has never happened here. The respect and support for law enforcement has increased a lot.
I think it was a good response.
None that I know of.
I don't think it changed much of anything.
More supportive of the police.
The community is very supportive for the police.

I think they pretty much stand behind them.
Don't know that it really changed, people are set in their ways. Deputy seemed to be a good guy, didn't know him personally, but had family that did.
It was very positive.
I don't know.
It brought a lot of people together.
I don't think it had a negative impact. I think the community itself had a positive opinion towards law enforcement. After the death and apprehending him I think it was positive.
It really made the community have the upmost respect for law enforcement.
My sentiments would be that it enhanced their opinion of law enforcement.
I think it made people respect our officers even more, because they get up and go out to protect us and they don't know if they are going to make it home after their shift.
From what was seen it was a very negative and sad impact.
They dedicated a road to him.
I don't know.
It made people aware and appreciate him.
Don't know.
If anything, it makes people know what police officers sacrifice.
The community rallied behind law enforcement. They had a parade for him. Restaurants have an empty table for him.
Tragic and support for and against local law enforcement. Personally for law enforcement.
Probably more protective.
I don't know if that incident changed anything, because there has always been respect for law enforcement here and no negativity.
I don't know.
They support good police officers and stand behind them.
Big outpour of support for law enforcement in Nassau County, strengthened the community.
Opinion was already very strong, very supportive, it may have galvanized, it but it was already supportive.
I would imagine that made them think about there is a danger in the duty of doing their job.
No opinion.
I really don't know.
I feel it brought out that they are all family.
You got good ones and bad ones.
No opinion.
Don't know.
I mean there's a lot of support for police officers around here, good ole southern small town, supporting the law, but I don't know if it made any difference, probably made it more, buying flags backing the blue, but I don't know if it changes anything.
We have a very strong conservative background, but I think it made us understand and see what they deal with and go through.
No opinion.
I guess it's always the thing that it's a dangerous occupation and you have to be careful and make sure they get paid enough.
I think it hurt a lot of people, but don't think it swayed anyone's opinions toward law enforcement.

It made them support us more, I think.
I think they have a terrible and very hard job.
It reminded us what an honor it is that they protect us.
I didn't have any.
I don't know, but I assume it was a massive uproar for the law enforcement and about what they need to protect them, but not for a regular citizen.
I don't know, I would think it strengthened the support for law enforcement.
I think they realized the job is very dangerous.
I don't know.
The community, we've always had respect for them.
They came together, being very respectful of all of our officers here.
Everyone was hurt and the streets were lined with people to view his body for the funeral. I feel like the police did their best.
The community is pro-police.
Nassau County is generally supportive, but has been re-enforced since his murder.
It brought us closer for a little while.
I don't know exactly, but I would say there was probably some concern.
No answer.
I think people are more respectful because of his loss, because of our loss and they are more understanding of what they go through.
They should have more backup. They are now doing the buddy system.
Positive for the way they handled the situation.
Added support for law enforcement.
I don't know.
They didn't like it and of course it's not right.
It made an awareness of how short law enforcement jobs can change and brought up awareness.
He was great and always smiling.
A shadow over the community.

Q12b. Can you tell me what Sheriff Bill Leeper said?

Comment
Coward, he wished he gave him a reason.
Believe the same day he was captured, I recall him giving a statement, that he got what he deserved, but not sure about every word.
He deserved to die.
I can't remember.
Can't remember, it was too long ago, but it was not nice.
He thought he should get the death penalty.
He described the scene.
Just from his briefing after they found him, he just kind of recapped everything that happened on public record, laying out the details of where they found him, stuff like that.
Can't remember what was said.
That he should receive the most severe penalty possible.
He was very unprofessional in my opinion, he called this young man a rapid dog and coward. I feel like a person in his position should choose words better.
Nothing specific remembered, just seeing news.
Remember talking about it, but do not remember what he said he should receive.
He said he should receive the full punishment.
I would rather not say.
Sheriff Bill Leeper said that they were searching for McDowell and urged people to stay indoors.
I remember he said something about the guy taking the coward's way out.
Can't remember.
He told him that he should have just killed himself.
Do not remember what he said.
Remember him making a statement, but that's it.
I think he said we are going find him dead or alive.
Shot to kill, he was armed and dangerous.
He said he was a coward. I think he said something along those lines.
He needs to die.
If he comes to your door, blow him out the house, something like that.
He said it was a sad day, and that the guy was a horrible person.
No
Just saw it in the media, can't remember specifics.
Heard that Sheriff Bill Leeper said that he had been given the option to take him out.
He wanted the death penalty for him, he was a coward.
I can't remember what he said.
He said he should be locked up forever and he's lucky he didn't find him. It was like a threat.
Justice will be served.
He said he deserved the death penalty.
He was on TV, the news and didn't describe him in a very good light. Said something I feel someone in that position shouldn't say. I would call him a normal small minded cop in rural U.S.A.

Appendix B: Census Data

COMPARISON OF SURVEY RESULTS TO CENSUS/PROJECTIONS

Census Data: Nassau County

<u>Age</u>	<u>Survey (n=200)</u>	<u>Census⁴</u>
18 to 24	4.5%	7.4%
25 to 34	12.5%	13.3%
35 to 44	14.5%	14.7%
45 to 54	21%	15.8%
55 to 64	13%	19.1%
65 or over	32.5%	29.8%
Refused	2%	-
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>Survey (n=200)</u>	<u>Census</u>
Hispanic, Latino*	2.5%	4.9%
White	88.5%	85.3%
Black	3.5%	5.6%
Native American	-	.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	1.1%
Multiple	1.5%	6.4%
Other	-	1.4%
Refused	6.5	-

* Hispanics can be any race

⁴ <https://data.census.gov>

Appendix C: Survey Instrument

SCREENING FORM

Cell

Intro1. Hello. My name is (your name) calling from the (Survey Company Name). We are not selling anything and this is not a political poll. We're doing a public opinion survey among local residents to obtain opinions about an upcoming jury trial. Your cooperation is very important because your household was selected at random by computer as being representative of your county. Again, we are not selling anything and this is not a political poll.

[IF RESPONDENT HESITATES TO COOPERATE, SAY: If you like, you can verify the authenticity of the survey by calling NAME at SURVEY COMPANY during regular office hours; call collect PHONE NUMBER.

S0. *[Do Not Read]* **Does the respondent have a reasonable working knowledge of English?**

- 1Yes
- 2No → → → → *Discontinue Survey*

S1. **First, do you live in Nassau County?**

- 1Yes
- 2No → → → → *Discontinue Survey*
- 9Refused → → *Discontinue Survey*

S1a. **For how many years have you lived in Nassau County?**

- 1Less than one year
- 2One to two years
- 3Three to four years
- 4five to seven years
- 5Eight to ten years
- 6More than ten years
- 8Don't know
- 9Refused

S2. **Have I reached you on your cell phone or landline?**

- 1Cell phone
- 2Landline

S3a. Are you a U.S. citizen who is 18 or older with a Nassau County driver's license or Nassau County issued identification card?

- 1Yes → → → → *Go to S4*
- 2No → → → → *Discontinue Survey*
- 9Refused

S4. Are you in a place where you can safely talk on the phone and answer my questions?

- 1Yes → → → *SKIP to Main Questionnaire*
- 2No → → → →

S4a When is a safe time for me to call you back?

- Timed Callback.....1 → → → → [*Callback date/time: _____*]
- Refused.....9 → → → → *Discontinue Survey*

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MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

Before I begin asking you questions, I'd like you to know that there are no right or wrong answers and that you are free to respond with a "don't know" or "no opinion" answer to any question. All of your answers will remain confidential!

Q1. Now I'd like to read you a few statements about local issues and the criminal justice system. Please tell me whether you strongly agree; somewhat agree; somewhat disagree; or strongly disagree with the following statement:

Q1a. If the government brings someone to trial, that person is probably guilty.

Strongly agree.....	1
Somewhat agree.....	2
Somewhat disagree.....	3
Strongly disagree.....	4
No opinion.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused/NA.....	9

Q1b. Next, Even the worst criminal should be considered for mercy.

Strongly agree.....	1
Somewhat agree.....	2
Somewhat disagree.....	3
Strongly disagree.....	4
No opinion.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused/NA.....	9

Q1c. Last one. I trust and support Nassau County Sherriff Bill Leeper.

Strongly agree.....	1
Somewhat agree.....	2
Somewhat disagree.....	3
Strongly disagree.....	4
No opinion.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused/NA.....	9

Q1d. Have you, your spouse, or someone close to you ever worked for the Nassau County Sherriff's Department?

- Yes, me..... 1
- Yes, my spouse..... 2
- Yes, someone close to me.. 3
- No, never..... 4
- No opinion..... 5
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

Q2a. Now I'd like to ask you about an upcoming jury trial in your community. Back in 2021, Nassau County Sherriff Deputy Joshua Moyers was shot during a traffic stop on Sandy Ford Road near Callahan. Patrick McDowell was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about this case?

- Yes..... 1 GO TO Q3a
- No..... 2 GO TO Q2b
- Don't know..... 8 GO TO Q2b
- Refused/NA..... 9 GO TO Q2b

Q2b. Patrick McDowell was captured and arrested at the Callahan Little League concession stand four days after the shooting. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about this case?

- Yes..... 1 GO TO Q3a
- No..... 2 GO TO Q16
- Don't know..... 8 GO TO Q16
- Refused/NA..... 9 GO TO Q16

Q3a. Based on what you have read, seen, or heard, do you believe Patrick McDowell is definitely guilty; probably guilty; probably not guilty; or definitely not guilty of murder?

- Definitely guilty..... 1
- Probably guilty..... 2
- Probably not guilty..... 3
- Definitely not guilty..... 4
- No opinion..... 5
- *Other..... 7
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

THE RESPONSE OPTIONS SHOULD BE ROTATED FOR HALF THE SAMPLE

*Record responses

Q4. What have you read, seen, or heard about this case?

Q5. What are your thoughts and feelings about Patrick McDowell, Deputy Moyers, and this case?

Q6a. What three words do you believe best describe the defendant, Patrick McDowell?

Q6b. What is your opinion of Patrick McDowell? Is it very positive; somewhat positive; somewhat negative; or very negative?

- Very positive..... 1
- Somewhat positive 2
- Somewhat negative 3
- Very negative 4
- No opinion..... 5
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

Q7. What three words do you believe best describe Deputy Joshua Moyers?

Q8a. The prosecution is seeking the death penalty for Patrick McDowell. If the jury finds him guilty of first-degree murder it must then decide on whether to sentence him to the death penalty or to life without the possibility of parole. Which sentence do you believe the jury should select, the death penalty or life without the possibility of parole?

- Death penalty..... 1
- Life without the possibility of parole 2 GO TO Q9a
- Other 3 [RECORD RESPONSE]
- No opinion..... 5
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

Q8b. Given what you have read, seen, or heard about this case, would Patrick McDowell have a difficult time convincing you that he should receive life without the possibility of parole instead of the death penalty?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- No opinion..... 5
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

Q9a. How did the community respond to Deputy Joshua Moyers' death?

Q9b. What impact, if any, did Deputy Moyers' death have on community opinions toward local law enforcement officers in Nassau County?

Q10. As you may know, the media have reported a number of things about this case. Some people may remember some things, while others may remember other things. We're interested in what you may remember, even if you already told me in one of the previous questions.

[**ONLY** THOSE WHO ANSWERED "YES" ON Q2a SHOULD BE ASKED QUESTION Q10a]

Q10a. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell was captured and arrested at the Callahan Little League concession stand four days after he shot Deputy Moyers?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

[EVERYONE WHO ANSWERED "YES" ON Q2A OR Q2B SHOULD BE ASKED Q10B-Q10G]

Q10b. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell pled guilty to first-degree murder?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q10c. Have you read, seen, or heard if Deputy Moyers was shot in the face and back?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q10d. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell shot a police dog during the search for him?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q10e. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell was diagnosed with PTSD and depression?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q10f. Have you read, seen, or heard if there was an outpouring of support for Deputy Moyers and his family after he died?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q10g. Have you read, seen, or heard if Patrick McDowell told the passenger in the car "It's either me or him" before he shot Deputy Moyers?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q11a. Have you ever talked about this case with your family, friends, or co-workers, or discussed it online, for example, on social media?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q11b. Have you ever heard others talking about this case in person or online?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q11c. Have you seen anything about this case or the community's response to the shooting on Facebook or other social media sites?

Yes..... 1
No..... 2
Don't know..... 8
Refused/NA..... 9

Q12a. Have you read, seen, or heard any statements made by Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper about Patrick McDowell or the sentence he should receive for killing Deputy Moyers?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2 (GO TO Q13)
- Don't know..... 8 (GO TO Q13)
- Refused/NA..... 9 (GO TO Q13)

Q12b. Can you tell me what Sheriff Bill Leeper said?

Q13. Have you seen any video footage of Deputy Moyers pulling Patrick McDowell over or footage immediately after he was shot?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

Q14. Did you, your family, or someone you know offer support, money, or resources to help law enforcement during the search for Patrick McDowell?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

Q15. Did you ever directly or indirectly know Joshua Moyers, his family, or people who knew him?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- No opinion..... 5
- Don't know..... 8
- Refused/NA..... 9

Q16. Finally, I have a couple of more questions to be sure we have included all groups in this survey. All of your answers will remain confidential.

[ASK EVERYONE]

Q16a. First, how often do you read a hard copy or online version of a newspaper? Would you say you read it every day, several times a week, once or twice a week, less often than once a week, or never?

- Every day..... 1 (GO TO Q16b)
- Several times a week..... 2 (GO TO Q16b)
- Once or twice a week..... 3 (GO TO Q16b)
- Less often than once a week..... 4 (GO TO Q16b)

Never..... 5 (GO TO Q17)
 Don't know..... 8 (GO TO Q16b)
 Refused/NA..... 9 (GO TO Q16b)

Q16b. What newspapers do you read? I am interested in both local and out-of-town papers.

(PROBE) Do you read any other papers?

[RECORD UP TO 4 NEWSPAPERS]

INSTRUCTION: DO NOT READ THE LIST OF NEWSPAPERS TO RESPONDENTS.

Local Publications	
Fernandina Beach News-Leader	1
Fernandina Observer	2
Nassau County Record	3
Westside Journal	4
The Yulee News	5
Jacksonville Publications	
Beaches Leader	6
Florida Times Union	7
Jacksonville Free Press	8
Florida Publications	
Charlotte Sun	9
Citrus County Chronicle	10
Collier Citizen	11
Coral Gables Gazette, The	12
Daily Commercial	13
Daytona Beach News-Journal, The	14
Diario Las Américas	15
El Nuevo Herald	16
El Sentinel del Sur de la Florida	17
Florida Keys Keynoter	18
Florida Star, The	19
Florida Times-Union, The	20
Florida Today	21
Gainesville Sun, The	22
Independent Florida Alligator	23
Jacksonville Business Journal	24
Jacksonville Free Press	25
Key West Citizen	26
La Gaceta	27
Lake City Reporter	28
Le Soleil de la Floride	29

Ledger, The	30
Miami Herald	31
Miami New Times	32
Miami News, The	33
Naples Daily News	34
New Times Broward-Palm Beach	35
News Chief	36
News Herald, The	37
News-Press, The	38
Northwest Florida Daily News	39
Orlando Business Journal	40
Orlando Sentinel	41
Orlando Times, The	42
Orlando Weekly	43
Palatka Daily News	44
Palm Beach Daily News	45
Palm Beach Post, The	46
Pensacola News Journal	47
Sarasota Herald-Tribune	48
South Florida Business Journal	49
St. Augustine Record, The	50
Star-Banner	51
Sun-Sentinel	52
Tallahassee Democrat	53
Tampa Bay Times	54
Tampa Tribune, The	55
Villages Daily Sun, The	56
West Volusia Beacon	57
Out of State Publications	
New York Times	58
USA Today	59
Wallstreet Journal	60
Washington Post	61
Other: Specify _____	97
Don't know	98
Refused/NA	99

Q17. How often do you listen to local news on the radio or watch it on television? Do you listen to or watch local news: every day, several times a week, once or twice a week, less often than once a week, or never?

- Every day..... 1
- Several times a week..... 2
- Once or twice a week..... 3
- Less often than once a week..... 4

Never.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused/NA.....	9

Q18. How often do you see local news or news related updates online or on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter? Do you see them every day, several times a week, once or twice a week, less often than once a week, or never?

Every day.....	1
Several times a week.....	2
Once or twice a week.....	3
Less often than once a week.....	4
Never.....	5
Don't know.....	8
Refused/NA.....	9

Q19. What city or town do you live in or nearest? (DO NOT READ RESPONSES)

TOWN	
Amelia City	1
Amelia City	2
American Beach	3
American Beach	4
Andrews	5
Andrews	6
Becker	7
Boulogne	8
Bryceville	9
Callahan	10
Chester	11
City[edit]	12
Crandall	13
Crawford	14
Dahoma	15
Dyal	16
Evergreen	17
Fernandina Beach	18
Franklinton	19
Glenwood	20
Gross	21
Hedges	22
Hero	23
Hilliard	24
Ingle	25
Italia	26

Keene	27
Kent	28
Kings Ferry	29
Lessie	30
Mattox	31
Nassau Village-Ratliff	32
Nassauville	33
O'Neil	34
Verdie	35
Yulee	36
Yulee Heights	37
Other: Specify	97
Don't know	98
Refused/NA	99

Q20. Could you please tell us how old you are?

(DO NOT READ RESPONSES. IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS, E.G., "OVER 30," PROBE)

18-24.....	1
25-34.....	2
35-44.....	3
45-54.....	4
55-64.....	5
65 or over	6
Refused/NA	9

Q21. Regardless of race, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	8
Refused/NA	9

Q22. Could Regardless of your Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, what is your race? Are you white, African American, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, a member of some other race, or of mixed race?

White.....	1
African American	2
Asian.....	3
Pacific Islander.....	4
American Indian	5
Mixed.....	6

Other: Specify _____	97
Don't know.....	98
Refused/NA.....	99

Q23. Finally, for statistical purposes only, we need to know if you have ever been convicted of a felony.

Yes	1 [TERMINATE]
No	2
Don't know	8
Refused/NA	9

Q24. (NOTE GENDER OF RESPONDENT)

Female	1
Male	2

Well, those are all the questions that I have. Lastly, let me verify that I dialed ____ - _____. Again, my name is (*Your First Name*), and on occasion a small percentage of people like you are called back just to verify that this interview actually took place. May I please have your first name, and first name only, so my supervisor will know whom to ask for in case this interview is verified? Thank you for your time and have a good (evening/day)!

Respondent Name: _____ Phone () _____ - _____
 Interview Date: _____ End Time: _____

Appendix D: Survey Vendor Methodology

The survey was conducted by Research Strategies, Inc., a consumer public opinion and business-to-business market research firm with 36 years of experience. Our data has been used in seventeen (17) Districts, Federal District Courts, and the U.S. Department of Justice. On January 12th, 2024, Bryan Edelman provided Research Strategies, Inc. with a telephone script and telephone screeners for Nassau County, Florida. We programmed the screeners and survey into Research Strategies, Inc.'s proprietary computer program "Research Express," which is written to be similar to the CATI system. Patricia Rhinehart, Vice President, led, trained and managed the outbound callers for this telephone polling project. The Research Express program was thoroughly tested prior to the implementation of the survey.

Research Strategies' in-house Telephone Operations Center is manned with experienced, professionally trained researchers familiar with conducting change of venue studies. These researchers are specifically selected for their demeanor and speaking ability and have a combined average of 9.6 years with Research Strategies. With a mean age of 52.5, Research Strategies restricts the minimum age for its researchers to 25 years of age.

The phone script included a brief introduction explaining the nature and importance of the telephone interview to each potential respondent. Individuals 18 and older were screened by location, English language comprehension, and juror eligibility. Quotas were established for age, race, and ethnicity to ensure that those demographics were proportional to the general population of the area based on United States Census data. If a respondent did not answer the first time, our telephone researchers contacted that household another three (3) times on different days of the week and hours throughout the survey period before removing the number from the prospective respondent list. The Research Express program automatically queues "call backs" as the first to be called in each zip code, and automatically deletes the number after three (3) attempts have been made. Research Strategies, Inc. telephone researchers began calling for this project on January 16th, 2024 and concluded on January 23rd, 2024.

Research Strategies, Inc. conducted random digit dials for cellphone participants. Below is a summary of the calls that were made:

Call Performance Categories	Counts
Total Number of Calls	6231
Adjusted Total Number of Calls ⁵	1225
Complete Interviews	200
Answering machine	200
No answer	3193
Busy	14
No English	19
Fax	2
Terminate	182
Technical phone problem	0
Won't participate	707
Call back	34
Business number	3
Wrong number	1
Mid term	82
Not in service	844
Other	221

Additional information: Respondents who refused to participate in the survey were not called again. Research Strategies, Inc.'s protocol is continuous on-site monitoring of each telephone researcher that validates a minimum of 5% of each researcher's calls. We follow standard procedures developed by the Marketing Research Association as well as Data Collection guidelines for the Council of American Survey. Patricia Rhinehart has 24 years of experience in public opinion research consulting and has presented at the American Society of Trial Consultants Conventions as a Consultant to achieve maximum reliability and efficiency techniques for Public Opinion Studies. She also was one of four (4) Regional/International Training Coordinators for Delta Air Lines who were responsible for 23 Reservation Call Centers before coming to Research Strategies, Inc.

⁵ Includes No English, Won't participate, Call backs, Completes, Midterm, Technical phone problem, No terminate, Terminate, and wrong number