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For verdict, nine of 11 must agree

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DETROIT -- Eleven jurors will decide the Whistleblowers' Protection Act case filed against the city and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

The parties have agreed, at least for now, that nine of the 11 must be in consensus for a verdict.

On Friday, Juror No. 7, a suburban medical surgical technician, was dismissed after she called the court saying she was too ill to continue.

Just one member, Juror No. 6, a female emergency medical technician, is from Detroit. She is the only black juror. Not all jurors were asked the same questions about their backgrounds during selection by the judge and attorneys.

The other panel members are:

Juror No. 1: A retired auto worker; his wife is a retired state of Michigan employee. He joked when the judge asked him what his wife does. His response: "She doesn't do anything."

Juror No. 2: A Grosse Pointe homemaker with a young family; her husband works in the mortgage industry.

Juror No. 3: A married woman in her 20s who is a counselor at a Southfield elementary school. She told the judge she has negative opinions about the mayor but that she would try to put them aside.

Juror No. 4: An Art Van employee who told the judge he worked briefly for the Detroit Fire Department in the 1970s. He later told the judge during jury selection that he was terminated from the position but felt the action was justified.

Juror No. 5: A female lawyer who is an assistant dean at the University of Detroit Mercy law school. She has also worked at a law firm

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where she met her husband, who is also an attorney.

Juror No. 8: A woman who has about 20 years experience as an officer with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. She is an evidence technician at Detroit Metro Airport, and during jury selection said she knows several Detroit police officers and had heard rumors about the mayor.

Juror No. 9: A male engineer who works for a private firm.

Juror No. 10: A married man who works in finance.

Juror No. 11: A Wayne State graduate student pursuing a doctorate in engineering; she just got her bachelors degree from Wayne State in May.

Juror No. 12: A female legal secretary who works for Butzel Long, a Detroit law firm.

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