

# The First Trial of Ramsey Khalid Ismael

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Legal Mindset

**JUDGE** Will the defendant please stand up?

*(Defendant stands with his hands in his pockets)*

**JUDGE** During this trial, the defendant will have the right to remain silent and refuse to answer any of the questions. The defendant will have the right to make any statement that is favorable to him. Please state your full name.

**DEFENDANT** Ramsey Khalid Ismael.

**JUDGE** State your occupation.

**DEFENDANT** Student.

**JUDGE** Please state your current address in Korea.

**DEFENDANT** Uh... It's, Songpa-gu... I don't know the exact address off the top of my head, though from my paperwork. I don't know the exact address.

**JUDGE** Don't you know the building number and the apartment number?

**DEFENDANT** Not off the top of my head, because I don't speak Korean.

**JUDGE** They're numbers. You can say them in English. You don't remember?

**DEFENDANT** [REDACTED]

*(Says only apartment number)*

**JUDGE** Your address is [REDACTED], is that correct?

**DEFENDANT** Yes.

**JUDGE** Your nationality?

**DEFENDANT** United States of America.

**JUDGE** Be seated.

**DEFENDANT** What?

**JUDGE** Please sit.

**DEFENDANT** Okay.

*(Defendant sits)*

**JUDGE** If your current address in Korea changes, you must report it to the court. If the court cannot locate where you live, the court will proceed with the trial in your absence.

**PROSECUTOR** The first count is for Obstruction of Business.

On October 17th, 2024, at a convenience store in Mapo-gu, Seoul, the defendant engaged in behavior that obstructed the victim's business. Specifically, the defendant imposed himself on other customers, creating an unsafe and uncomfortable environment by playing loud music and unpleasant sounds, and dancing inappropriately. When an elderly employee of the convenience store asked him to stop, the defendant responded by spilling cup ramen soup on a table and verbally abusing her with profanity. By carrying out these actions, the defendant intentionally disrupted the normal operations of the business.

The second count is for Violation of the Minor Offenses Act.

On October 12th, 2024, the defendant engaged in disruptive behavior by intentionally obstructing passers-by in a bus and other public spaces. Specifically, he approached numerous individuals who did not know him, brandishing a plastic bag containing a rotten fish, which he aggressively shook in their direction. Simultaneously, he loudly shouted at others in the vicinity, creating a disturbance. His actions caused anxiety and discomfort among those present, as the result of a series of menacing provocations without justifiable grounds.

The third count is for Violation of the Minor Offenses Act.

On Thursday, October 23rd, 2024, the defendant boarded a bus and a subway, and in the process, the defendant disturbed other people's peace by playing loud music and disturbing sounds. He was also performing with

pull-ups and sexual movements such as twerking, so by causing this commotion he did make other people feel uneasy, annoyed or offended by his conduct.

**JUDGE** Has the defendant received a copy of the indictments?

**DEFENDANT** Yes.

**JUDGE** Is there anything else?

**PROSECUTOR** These are the three counts so far, and there is a new indictment to be merged into this case, the details of which will be read at the next trial date.

**JUDGE** How does the defendant plead?

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** The defendant admits guilt on the three counts stated, and after considering the details will make a decision on the new count.

**JUDGE** The next hearing will be on April 9th. Please appear on-time for the next date.