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First day produces no jurors for NY beheading

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BUFFALO, N.Y. — A full day of jury selection has produced no jurors for the second-degree murder trial of a New York television executive charged with beheading his wife.

Lawyers predicted going in Monday that it'll take longer than usual to seat a jury for Muzzammil Hassan's (moo-ZAHM'-mel HAH'-sahns) trial. The 2009 killing of 37-year-old Aasiya (AH-see-yah) Hassan has received much media attention, in part because the couple ran a television station whose goal was to counter negative images of Muslims.

Potential jurors are being asked whether they have issues with the Pakistan-born Hassan's ethnicity, or the fact that he's Muslim and may claim self-defense.

Hassan wrote on a legal pad through much of the proceedings in Erie County Court in Buffalo.

Jury selection resumes Tuesday.

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