DO YOU SPEAK LEGALESE? PRACTICAL COURTROOM PHRASES

1. State your full name and spell the last name for the record.
2. Do you understand the charges I just read to you?
3. Do you swear to tell the truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
4. Please introduce yourself to the jury.
5. Let me rephrase that question.
6. What, if anything, did the defendant say to you?
7. Going back to the night of….?
8. Are you now, or have you ever been, under psychiatric care?
9. Tell the members of the jury what he was wearing, if you remember.
10. On the day in question, were you questioned by law enforcement?
11. Would it refresh you recollection?
12. Please stand up, raise your right hand and face the clerk.
13. Are you under the influence of any drugs, medication or alcohol?
14. At this time the witness is excused.
15. Did your attorney explain to you the sentencing guidelines?
16. Did the defendant, at any time, point his weapon at you?
17. May I approach the witness?
18. Are you entering this plea freely and voluntarily?
19. Has anybody threatened or coerced you?
20. I withdraw my objection.
21. We move for a mistrial.
22. At this time we move for a Judgment of Acquittal.
23. Is the defense ready to proceed?
24. I am holding you in contempt of court.
25. The jury will disregard the previous statement.
26. We presented a motion to suppress.
27. How do you plea to the charges?
28. If you are indigent, The Court can appoint an attorney to represent you.
29. At this time, I am denying your motion without prejudice.
30. Are you a convicted felon?