

With that introduction, Mr. Wright, you may make the opening statement for the prosecution.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you your honor. Science is something we all know of. Yet, it sometimes is a dangerous force. Each of the defendants has a belief, in some form or fashion that the world will end or come close to it near December 2012. Now this belief is absolutely ridiculous. Now you may be asking, how is this related to the case at hand? Well, let me give you a story. Many people have written books based on different variations of the theory. Some have even presented false evidence to back up their claims. The United States during the summer of 2005 and throughout early spring in 2006, was investigating these writers for fraud. The investigation was trying to prove that their books were just hoaxes, so as to eventually find them guilty of fraud. During this investigation, a Federal District Judge authorized warrants and a grand jury to review all the information. The four defendants, sitting just over there, failed to comply with that investigation. Yes, members of the jury. They violated the law and hid evidence, lied to the police, and tried to keep the truth secret. These people are no common