

Warfaa v. Ali Legal Monitoring, Day 7

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This account summarizes what occurred on the seventh day of trial in the case of Farhan Mohamoud Tani Warfaa v. Yusuf Abdi Ali, No. 1:05cv701 (LMB/JFA). The trial has concluded in the Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, Virginia. The Center for Justice & Accountability invited the Stanford Law Human Rights & Conflict Resolution Clinic to conduct neutral trial observation and produce daily reports of the proceedings for interested parties, including the Somali diaspora.¹

After three and a half days of deliberation, the Honorable Judge Leonie Brinkema called Court to order at 12:43 p.m. The Judge warned both parties and everyone in the courtroom that there should be no outbursts or reactions, and that there should be no interaction between the parties or their supporters either inside or outside of the courthouse. At 12:45 p.m., the jury handed their verdict to the Judge. The Deputy Court Clerk read the jury found partially in favor of the Plaintiff, finding the Defendant liable for torture but not liable for attempted extrajudicial killing. Mr. Warfaa will receive \$500,000 in damages; \$400,000 in compensatory damages and \$100,000 in punitive damages. Joseph Peter Drennan, Counsel for the Defense, asked for the jury to be polled, and each juror affirmed that the stated decision was unanimous and correct. Judge Brinkema gave both sides fourteen days to file post-trial motions, then dismissed the jury at 12:49 p.m. Court adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The Center for Justice & Accountability's press release can be found [here](#).

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Plaintiff Mohamoud Tani Warfaa and his Attorneys