

Testimony Script for Questioner

I am going to ask you a number of questions, many of which are similar to the questionnaire you just completed. Please try to be as detailed in your responses as possible and avoid one word answers.

1. Are you aware that the individual you identified from the photo lineup is accused of planting a bomb in the airport?
[Allow for free verbal response]
2. Please tell me in as much detail as possible exactly what it is that you witnessed in the video.
[Open narrative]
3. How good of a view would you say you got of the person who switched the bag with another passenger?
[In their own words]

Now, let's talk about more about the person who you saw switch the bags.
[Allow open-ended responses to these questions]

4. While you were witnessing this, how much attention were you paying to the face of the person who switched the bags?
5. How well were you able to make out specific features of the face of the person who switched the bags?
6. How clear is the image you have in your memory of the person you saw who switched the bags?
7. You viewed a photospread and identified someone as the person who switched the bags, is that right?
8. How certain were you when you made your identification that you made the right decision?
9. To what extent do you feel that you had a good basis, or enough information, to make an identification?

10. How easy or difficult was it for you to figure out which person in the photospread was the person who switched the bags?

11. From the time you began viewing the photospread, how long do you estimate it took you to make a decision?

12. Generally, how good is your recognition memory for the faces of strangers you have encountered on only one prior occasion?

[Thank witness and begin debriefing]