

1 make it crystal clear that not paying is just not an
2 option. You do that not by words but by unmistakable
3 actions. **You do exactly what these men did.** What Rafael
4 and Punalata and Chacal and Ellerman and Cachie, this
5 defendant. They did exactly what they did and what they
6 intended to do on the night of October 7th into October
7 8. "Call Wilson. Produce Wilson. Produce our money or
8 you're coming with us until we get that".

9 Wilson can choose his money or his cousin. Any doubt
10 about that? That's why they went to that apartment. Not
11 just to make a phone call. The plan wasn't "Manuel, please
12 let the five of us into your home. Oh, please make a phone
13 call to Wilson or to Wilson's family. Oh, there is no
14 answer? Okay, we'll come back tomorrow".

15 Does anybody think for a second that was in anybody's
16 mind? That was in the defendant's mind? It is laughable.
17 It is ridiculous. It is not reasonable.

18 Again, use your common sense.

19 Okay. Let's step back a little bit. The question
20 is, the Judge told you before, she'll tell you again, have
21 we proven the case? The evidence proves nothing magical.
22 Does the words you heard in this courtroom satisfy you
23 beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed the
24 crime? That's the fundamental reason for a trial. And did
25 we meet our burden of proof on whatever evidence to show

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