

Schoharie limo crash lawyer: Fair trial in small town may be challenging

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SCHOHARIE - A pretrial hearing connected to the 2018 Schoharie limo crash was held Wednesday in the case of limo company operator Nauman Hussain.

The hearing lasted less than one hour, which is typical in most criminal cases.

After the hearing, attorney Joseph Tacopina mentioned he has been thinking about the small size of the population in Schoharie County and how challenging it might be to find enough jurors who don't know about the limo tragedy, or who haven't formed an opinion of who might be responsible.

Tacopina also says he hasn't ruled out requesting a change in venue, but he said it is extremely unlikely that could happen.

Tacopina says he trusts the people of Schoharie County to do the right thing.

Tacopina's client, Nauman Hussain, faces 20 counts of manslaughter and 20 counts of criminally negligent homicide.

There is one more pretrial hearing scheduled for March 30. The beginning of the trial is set for May 4.

Tacopina says there are no issues he believes could delay the start of this trial. However, that's not to say there are no issues right now on his mind.

Hear some of the issues Tacopina has, by watching the video of Dan Levy's story.

BREAKING NEWS - Joseph Tacopina, Nauman Hussain's other attorney arrives at the Schoharie County Courthouse for a pretrial hearing with Judge George Barnett. pic.twitter.com/hmcnCzSpL9

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As of now Nauman Hussain's trial is scheduled to begin the first week of May. If discovery evidence isn't transferred from DA to defense attorney in a timely fashion, trial date could be pushed back. pic.twitter.com/8bv5XyKq7d

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BREAKING NEWS - Nauman Hussain arrives at the Schoharie County Courthouse along with Attorney Lee Kindlon for a scheduled pretrial hearing regarding the 2018 limousine case. pic.twitter.com/6eC99AdRP6

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BREAKING NEWS - Schoharie County DA Susan Mallery and Defense Attorney Lee Kindlon have arrived at the Schoharie Courthouse for a pretrial hearing involving Nauman Hussain's limousine manslaughter case. pic.twitter.com/aulsiKrerK

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