

Murder suspect headed for trial after testimony from police, witness

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testimony from two prosecution witnesses.

Lincoln Police Detective Del Kuhlman testified that Davlin and Ligenza had an abusive relationship that started in April 1993. Kuhlman said that during his investigation, he found there were several restraining orders and assault charges filed during the relationship.

Kuhlman said police were at Ligenza's apartment the night of Sept. 6 on a disturbance complaint. Ligenza and a roommate wanted Davlin — who did not live there — removed.

Hours later, Lincoln firefighters were called to the apartment where they found a burnt body.

Kuhlman said he attended Ligenza's autopsy, where the coroner found that the 27-year-old woman had been strangled, and the mode of death was homicide. The autopsy also revealed that she was six months pregnant.

The coroner found that the burns to Ligenza's body had occurred after she died. Kuhlman testified that the body was burned in a pool of fire accelerant and the woman was identified by dental records.

Also called to testify was Wade Potter, a Lincoln man who said Davlin admitted to the crime while they were imprisoned together in the Sarpy County Jail.

Potter, who has a criminal record that includes burglary, assault and criminal mischief convictions, was serving a seven-day sentence for drunken driving when he

met Davlin.

While in jail, Potter said Davlin started talking about the crime, but said he did not do it. Davlin later admitted to killing Ligenza and to trying to make her death look like part of a burglary by breaking a window in the apartment.

When he was released, Potter told Lacey that he did not want to remember Davlin or his crime.

Potter said he told some family and friends about Davlin, but finally told police after an encounter with another man.

Potter met a man who Davlin claimed he hired to find Ligenza's killer at a bar. Potter then told the man about Davlin's confession: the man then told police.

Investigators later contacted Potter about what he had heard.

Lacey repeatedly asked Potter why he never called the police and why he wanted to forget about Davlin.

"How would anyone really respond?" Potter said. "It made me sick to my stomach. I just wanted to get out and forget about it."

"I was worried about what he would do if he got out, if he came after me. I mean, I have children too."

Richard and Pam Ligenza said they were thankful Potter stepped forward to testify.

Richard Ligenza said with family support, they will endure the long legal process. And someday, the father said, he hopes to have some closure.

"I will have some closure when he (Davlin) sits in the electric chair," Richard Ligenza said. "But I realize that is a long way away."

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a father does not mean they will live in a positive environment. Problems such as domestic violence plague many heterosexual couples, he said.

Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln agreed.

"It's an irony that the longest-lasting relationships studied have been lesbian relationships," Landis said.

Landis said laws already state marriage is specifically for a man and a woman.

Jensen said Nebraska needs the bill so the state doesn't have to recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

Chambers said those who favored the law for religious reasons were hypocritical because the Bible also outlaws divorce and premarital sex. He said many in favor of the bill were either divorced or engaged in acts the Bible prohibits.

"With their unclean hands, they are going to try to tell others that their (same-sex) relationship is unfit," Chambers said.

Later, Jensen proposed an amendment that would reword the bill to recognize marriages from other states except same-sex marriages.

Chambers said the original bill would have rejected marriage between an uncle and niece or aunt and a nephew, minors and adults, and common-law marriages, which are not legal in Nebraska. Because of the amendment, he said, the bill would no longer outlaw those marriages.

"This is a moral bill? This protects marriage?" Chambers said.

The Legislature adjourned without taking action on the bill because it no longer had a quorum. Senators are scheduled to debate the bill today.

Talks lead to arguments about racism

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Other audience members expressed distress that so much time was spent on investigating Sigma Chi's ceremony rather than relieving the tension it caused.

Wesley Brown, a former UNL employee, said he thought in order to solve the problem, attention needed to be focused in other areas.

"We need to start with the administration," Brown said. "They have their own fraternity — the good old boys fraternity."

Director of the University Foundations program Jim McShane said he saw members of campus tolerating racism.

"The Sigma Chi cross burning is an example of reckless insensitivity," McShane said. "The problem is the white students on campus don't be-

lieve that racism exists on campus, even as it is being practiced in front of them."

John Harris, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, also had strong opinions on the cross burning.

"The reality of this is that this act creates danger not only toward the people who are the target of the act, but also for the people who are actually committing the act," Harris said. "This university needs to tell the community that it will not tolerate anything that challenges the safety of the individuals who live here."

The panel also talked about racist language on campus. Afrikan People's Union President Leslie Bell said racism on campus was taking a subtle turn.

"Racism is not as likely from per-

son to person, but it is growing in a covert sense," Bell said.

Although much of the discussion focused on UNL's problems, many panelists were concerned with finding solutions.

Adair Shanks, a journalism graduate student, said some of the solution needs to include better ways of teaching students about diversity.

"Professors need to be able to effectively lead a class in discussion about diversity without relying on ethnic students to lead the way," Shanks said.

Communications Professor Venita Kelley agreed, saying that effective communication is part of the solution.

"The bridge needs to be created from both sides, and both sides have to cross that bridge for anything positive to happen."

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