

Kevorkian sentenced to 10-25 years

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who videotaped himself giving a man a lethal injection and dared prosecutors to stop his assisted-suicide campaign, was sentenced to 10 to 25 years in prison Tuesday by a judge who told him: "Sir, consider yourself stopped."

Kevorkian, who turns 71 next month, grinned as he was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, saying to a friend, "Justice?" He said nothing when given the opportunity to speak at his sentencing.

Judge Jessica Cooper refused to release him on bail while he appeals his murder conviction, saying she couldn't trust his promise not to take part in any more suicides.

"That is what he believes his life mission is," she said.

In addition to giving Kevorkian the sentence prosecutors asked for, the judge handed him three to seven years for delivery of a controlled substance. The sentences will run concurrently, and Kevorkian will be eligible for parole after six years and eight months, a prosecutor said.

He could have gotten life in prison.

Defense attorney David Gorosh said that he was surprised by the judge's decision and that he hopes it does not amount to a life sentence for Kevorkian: "It would be a terrible tragedy to lose such a heroic figure in American life."

The widow and brother of Thomas Youk, the 52-year-old Lou Gehrig's disease patient whose videotaped death was shown on "60 Minutes" last fall, pleaded for leniency. But Cooper was adamant as she lectured Kevorkian.

"This trial was not about the political or moral correctness of euthanasia," the judge said. "It was about you, sir. It was about lawlessness. It was about disrespect for a society that exists because of the strength of the legal system."

"No one, sir, is above the law. No one," she continued. "You had the audacity to go on national television, show the world what you did and dare the legal system to stop you. Well, sir, consider yourself stopped."

On "60 Minutes," Kevorkian threatened a hunger strike if sent to prison — a claim he has not repeated. If he does go on a hunger strike, Michigan prison policy calls for forced feeding.

Kevorkian injected Youk with lethal chemicals on Sept. 17 at Youk's request. Youk was in a wheelchair, could barely move his arms or legs and was afraid of choking to death on his own saliva.

Medical examiners considered the death suspicious. But they had little to go on until Kevorkian sent a videotape to CBS. The tape and the "60 Minutes" interview with Kevorkian were the prosecution's main evidence.

It was the first murder trial for Kevorkian, a retired pathologist who says he has been involved in 130 deaths since 1990, and the first time he was found guilty of taking part in a death. His previous trials, all on assisted-suicide charges, resulted in three acquittals and one mistrial.

In past cases, Kevorkian said his patients used his homemade devices to start the flow of carbon monoxide or intravenous chemicals that caused their death. In Youk's case, Kevorkian administered the injection.

"I think as far as he's concerned he thinks that what he did was proper," Kevorkian attorney Mayer Morganroth said. "He knew the risks, and in order to move the process he took the risks."

Kevorkian represented himself for most of his short trial, which ended last month with a second-degree murder conviction. He compared himself to civil rights heroes and all but asked the jury to disregard the law, saying that some acts "by sheer common sense are not crimes."

Law & Order

Three men arrested in drug bust

A drug bust that began late Monday night and continued through early Tuesday morning resulted in three arrests, Lincoln police said.

Sgt. Terry Sherrill said members of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Narcotics Unit arrested a 24-year-old Lincoln man at 7:11 p.m. as he was walking into a house in the 300 block of F Street with one pound of methamphetamine.

After waiting for a search warrant, Sherrill said, authorities found another four ounces of methamphetamine and a pound of marijuana in a car parked outside the residence. After finding the drugs, he said, they arrested a 33-year-old man whose address was not known and a 30-year-old Grand Island man who had been in the car.

All three men were in the Lancaster County Jail on Tuesday night. The Lincoln man was arrested for conspira-

cy to deliver a controlled substance. The other two men were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver.

Robbers snatch purse

Two robbers took off with a woman's purse Monday night.

Sherrill said a 55-year-old woman was walking near Touzalin Avenue and Hartley Street at 8:55 p.m. when two men ran behind her. One of the men grabbed the woman's purse from her right shoulder, he said.

Both men fled east on Hartley Street, knocking the woman to the ground, he said.

Police later recovered the purse on 68th Street between Hartley and Fremont streets. Sherrill said the woman's wallet was missing from the purse.

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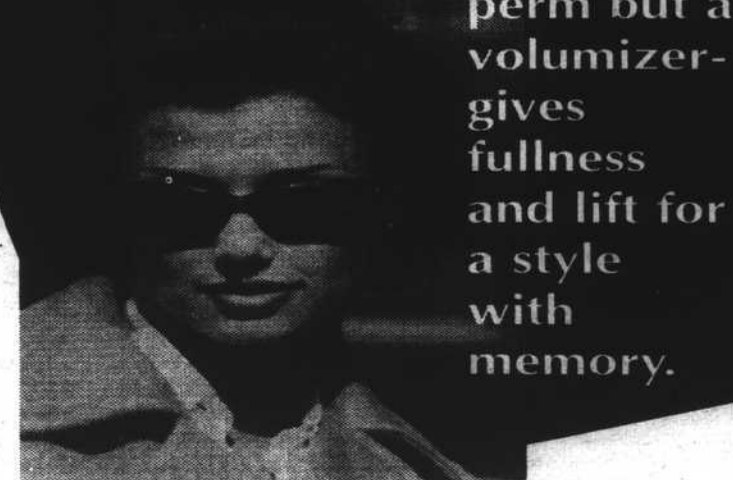


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