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Painseeker Defense Stabs At Prosecution Motive

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LOS ANGELES – On Tuesday the defense in the Painseeker Murder Trial called the prosecution's motive into question by calling the motive himself. Ken Kincaid, the significant other of accused murderer Laura Douglass and the CEO of murder victim Raychel Wagner's recording label, testified that Assistant District Attorney Thomas Andrews never contacted him regarding the charges. Had he done so, Kincaid stated that would have advised against pressing charges against Laura Douglass.

Defense attorney Les Levin clearly hit a home run with the jury, who listened intently as the man who the prosecution described as the reason Laura Douglass hired bodyguard Sharon Wolfe to murder Raychel Wagner stated that his relationship with Raychel Wagner had ended over nine months prior to her murder.

Kincaid recounted his relationship with Wagner, which began on June 26, 1999 when Douglass called him to see a new music act at her bar, Safehaven. He said that Raychel Wagner had recently returned to Los Angeles with Kyle McAllister, and that the two had written some songs based on Wagner's poetry. He admitted that he was attracted to Raychel almost immediately, but that it did not change the fact that her music was strong and marketable. He signed both Raychel and Kyle to his label, Terror Trax.

Kincaid testified that his relationship with Wagner began almost immediately, even though he had not intended for it to happen in the first

place. He stated that he believed Kyle McAllister to be "possessive, strong, stupid, and dangerous to both Raychel and myself" and therefore tried to keep his relationship with Wagner from him, which he had done so until the Painseeker site "outed" their relationship.

Kincaid also admitted that his affair with Wagner ended in early November of 1999, over nine months prior to the murder. He stated that their affair ended on good terms, and that he understood that they had run their course.

When asked to describe the relationship, he said that it was "passionate." When asked to describe his relationship with Laura Douglass, he stated that it was "open." He admitted that he and Laura dated several people at the same time, including each other.

On cross examination, Kincaid admitted to Assistant District Attorney Thomas Andrews that his relationships with Wagner and Douglass overlapped, but disagreed that either person was jealous of the other, noting that both Wagner and Douglass were involved with other people at the time. When challenged, Kincaid could not name one person who he knew was involved with Laura Douglass during that time frame.

On re-direct, Kincaid explained why he believed Douglass intended that he begin a relationship with Wagner. He believed that Douglass and Wagner had attempted to use him to drive a wedge in Wagner's relationship with Kyle McAllister, whom both believed threatened their relationships with Wagner. Unfortunately for them, Kincaid admitted that he learned that intention too late, as he signed McAllister to the

same contract as Wagner, believing that they were a duo.

Anyone wondering which side won the day needed only to look at Levin on his way down the courthouse steps.

“Today Laura Douglass got what she deserved, a fair and open hearing of the facts of the case,” he exclaimed.

When asked if Douglass would be taking the stand, Levin was evasive, saying, “We are evaluating our case on a daily basis. Testimony is obviously a key element, but we will make the final decision when the time comes.”