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Prosecution Attacks Wolfe's Credibility In Painseeker Trial

Witness Testifies Defendant "Resented" Wagner

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LOS ANGELES – In the first Painseeker Murder Trial, Assistant District Attorney Thomas Andrews called former Terror Trax music executive Geoffrey MacIntyre as a hostile witness to establish a timeline illustrating that Laura Douglass, his friend, had the opportunity to murder Raychel Wagner and used an unwitting MacIntyre to establish a false alibi.

On Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court, MacIntyre was called to do the same thing to his ex-girlfriend, Sharon Wolfe. However, he was more cooperative with the prosecution than he had been previously.

The defense used MacIntyre's cooperation to assert that he had personal reasons for testifying against Wolfe stemming from their breakup immediately following Wagner's murder.

During his testimony, MacIntyre gave his account of the night of Wagner's murder. He stated he had been part of an argument with the Wagner and several others at the studios of Terror Trax, where he then worked as Chief Creative Officer. Following the argument, he accompanied Wolfe to Safehaven, a bar owned by Laura Douglass.

MacIntyre stated that he entered Safehaven at 7:40 p.m. with Wolfe, still angered by the argument. They spoke with Douglass, ordered a bottle, and proceeded to a corner booth where

MacIntyre admitted that he began drinking heavily. Upon further questioning, he confessed that he did not know exactly how many drinks Wolfe consumed that evening. However, he did note that she was the person who drove him home that evening.

MacIntyre testified that he believed he blacked out sometime around 11:00 p.m., flipping in and out of consciousness until he received a phone call from Wolfe informing him that Wagner had been murdered. In response, MacIntyre stated that he went to the apartment to meet with police and give his statement.

When asked about the statement, MacIntyre admitted that he did remember telling Detective Wakefield that Wolfe had been with him at Safehaven the entire time, accidentally providing her with an alibi for the evening. When asked why he made such a statement, MacIntyre said that he had no reason to suspect that she had left him that evening, as she had not told him.

Andrews asked MacIntyre to clarify his relationship with Wolfe. MacIntyre stated that they had grown "very close" over the past month. When asked if Wolfe had ever told him of her feelings about Wagner, MacIntyre said that Wolfe admitted that she resented her. When asked why, MacIntyre said that Wolfe had grown tired of Wagner's self-destructive behavior and found herself caring less for Wagner's well being.

To back up MacIntyre's testimony, Andrews produced articles from the Painseeker web site that had been written by Wolfe. In the articles, Wolfe made several incriminating statements, including, "Raychel had it coming!"

On cross examination, defense attorney Wendy Timmerman asked MacIntyre if he harbored feelings for Wolfe. When he stated that he had none, Timmerman asked if there were specifically any feelings of resentment about his breakup with Wolfe. When he declined, Timmerman read a pair of contrasting statements about Wolfe that MacIntyre had written for the Painseeker web site. In the first, MacIntyre said that Wolfe had been "this really interesting person who kept all of these beautiful emotions and insights hidden beneath this tough exterior. I don't think she's found that in herself since Raychel died." In the second passage, MacIntyre accused Wolfe of using him as an alibi for the night of the murder.

When asked to explain the discrepancy between the two remarks, MacIntyre said that between the first and second comments, he had learned that Wolfe had lied to him about her whereabouts, and he was learning that Wolfe had been set up to date him by Wagner. Timmerman used the opportunity to produce a letter written to Sharon Wolfe by Raychel Wagner and delivered to Wolfe immediately following Wagner's death. The letter confirmed MacIntyre's suspicion.

In addition to that letter, Timmerman produced another letter. This letter was written by Wagner to MacIntyre. In the letter, Wagner admitted that she was afraid of him and that she intended to break off all contact with him. Over a series of sustained objections from Andrews, Timmerman harped on MacIntyre as "the real killer" while MacIntyre angrily denied her charges.

At that point Judge Michael Rodriguez repeatedly gaveled for order and eventually restored it before Timmerman admitted that she had no further questions. Court was immediately adjourned for the week.

Following the proceedings, Assistant District Attorney Thomas Andrews was pleased.

"We made the points we expected to make before the jury with Mr. MacIntyre. Moreover, the defense had little argument with these facts. Sharon Wolfe's whereabouts cannot be confirmed by anyone other than our forensics expert."

When asked about Timmerman's outburst and "Plan B" attack on MacIntyre, Andrews believed he noticed something familiar in her delivery.

"You can tell she's still taking advice from [Les] Levin," he said. "He would be proud of that stunt. Of course, he would be the only one. A person's life is on the line and she turned into Perry Mason. Very unprofessional."