

**Drew Peterson Trial 2012 - Murder of Kathleen Savio
People of the State of Illinois v. Drew Peterson (09CF-1048)
Will County, Joliet, Illinois**

Michael Newton Testified on August 2, 2012

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Lieutenant Michael Newton of the Bowlingbrook Police Department is on the stand in the Drew Peterson Murder trial. He was in charge of the scene when police responded at the Savio residence the night of her death.

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08/02/12: Prosecutor John Connor on direct examination

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Newton: “We drove the engine and ambulance to the scene, with emergency lights and sirens in use...we exited the vehicles, and went into the residence in an orderly fashion.”

Prosecution: “Did you see anyone on the stairs when you went up?”

Newton: “Yes, I did ...two.”

Prosecution: “Did you know those individuals?”

Newton: “No.”

Prosecution: “They weren’t police, and they weren’t fire?”

Newton: “No...we made a right turn into the master bedroom.”

He identifies “Mr. Peterson” in the courtroom, and says that he encountered him when he entered the master bedroom.

Persecution: “Was there anyone else in that bedroom area when you entered?”

Newton: “Not that I recall.”

Persecution: "What did the defendant say?"

Newton: "He said something to the regards of 'This is my ex-wife...treat the scene with respect'...I don't recall if that was his exact term. In the master bedroom, I noticed a picture frame face down on the floor."

Prosecution: "Did you ever take a blue towel and place it in the bathroom?"

Newton: "No."

Prosecution: "Did you observe any other individuals take a towel and place it in the bathroom?"

Newton: "No."

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Prosecution: "Were you the first individual into the master bedroom, or the last?"

Newton: "The last."

Prosecution: "How certain are you that you did not place any towels at that scene?"

Newton: "One hundred percent."

Prosecution: "When you came up the stairs, where were the two individuals who you saw?"

Newton: "They were outside of the bedroom."

Prosecution: "And where was the defendant in relationship to them?"

Newton: "Inside the bedroom."

That concludes the direct examination of this witness.

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08/02/12: Defense Attorney Joel Brodsky in cross examination

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Joel Brodsky begins his cross.

The witness says that he specifically recalls this incident, "because of Drew being there, and

what he said about his ex-wife.”

Newton says he’s known Peterson for virtually his entire career with the Bolingbrook F.D.

He describes Peterson as “seeming upset” at the scene.

He then identifies a photograph of the staircase in the Savrio house.

But he can’t remember where he saw the two individuals on the stairway, whether they were at the top, or just a few steps down.

“I believe it was two males.”

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Because he was the supervisor, the witness didn’t really go into the Savio bathroom very much.

“I saw what I could to do my job as supervisor.”

Defense: “And the EMTs do their job, rendering first aid if the person’s alive?”

Newton: “Correct.”

Defense: “So when you talked about a towel, you really didn’t spend enough time in that bathroom to determine what clothes or what towels were there?”

Newton: “Correct.”

With that, Brodsky’s cross-examination is concluded.

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08/02/12: Prosecutor John Connor on redirect examination

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Connor begins his redirect.

He identifies a photograph of the scene.

Prosecution: “Did you even make it physically into the bathroom that night?”

Newton: “Yes, I did...I was closest to the door.”

Prosecution: "The towel in the forefront of the scene in this photograph, did you place that towel there?"

Newton: "No."

That ends the redirect; there is no recross, the witness Newton is excused.

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