

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

Timothy Berkery Testified on August 2, 2012

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August 2

Timothy Berkery takes the stand in the Drew Peterson murder trial. He is another one of the first responders to the scene on the night of Kathleen Savio's death.

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

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Timothy Berkery takes the stand.

He is a Bolingbrook F.D. firefighter paramedic (for 18 years).

He is questioned by Prosecutor Connor.

On March 1, 2004, he was called to the Savio home.

“My partner that night was Louis Oleszkiewicz.”

Prosecution: “When you responded to that scene, who would actually work on the body that night?”

Berkery: “Louis O. was going to be the one doing most of the interventions...Louis placed the electrodes on the body...I carried the equipment up for him; we tried to limit the amount of people in and out.”

Prosecution: “Remember seeing any members of the Bolingbrook P.D. inside the house that night?”

Berkery: “No.”

He then identifies Peterson in the courtroom as a person inside the house who asked for a “professional courtesy” because the victim was his ex-wife.

Prosecution: “Did you place a towel anywhere near where Louis was working on Kathleen Savio?”

Berkery: “No, Sir.”

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The witness identifies a photograph of the bathroom, which shows the blue towel.

He says he’s “One hundred percent certain” that he didn’t place the towel in the bathroom that night.

That ends the direct examination.

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08/02/12: Defense Attorney Steve Greenberg on cross examination

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Greenberg begins his cross.

The witness confirms that his partner, Louis Oleszkiewicz, is the one who put electrodes on Savio that night.

Defense: “Recall where the electrodes were put on?”

Berkery: “They were on the back, rather than the front...it depends on the monitor we’re using.”

Defense: “Didn’t you testify before the grand jury that your recollections of where the electrodes were placed was different than Louis’?”

Berkery: “I believe I said that whatever Louis O. wrote was right.”

The witness is then shown a transcript of his grand jury testimony, and reads it to himself.

Defense: “Does that refresh your recollection?”

Berkery: “Yes, Sir...if that’s what’s stated, yes.”

Defense: “You don’t dispute the transcript?”

Berkery: "No, Sir."

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The witness is then shown a photo of Kathleen Savio's body in the bathtub.

Defense: "You'd have to move the body a little bit to get an electrode down there?"

Berkery: "Yes, Sir."

Defense: "And when you got there that night, you recall seeing Sgt. Peterson?"

Berkery: "Yes, Sir...I recall it going up the stairs."

In an earlier state police interview, he said that he and Louis O. were met in the front foyer of the residence by the defendant. He also denies again that he placed the blue towel in the bathroom.

Defense: "Fair to say it was placed after you left?"

Berkery: "Possibly."

Defense: "You don't put stuff there?"

Berkery: "No."

Defense: "So the towel must have been put there after you left?"

Berkery: "Possibility."

Defense: "You didn't see Sgt. Peterson coming in to that bathroom as you were leaving?"

Berkery: "No, Sir."

That ends the cross-examination.

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

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Connor begins his redirect.

“You were basically wrong in 2004, and the electrodes had actually been placed on the back?”

Berkery: “Yes, Sir.”

Prosecution: “So whatever Louis put in his report would be accurate?”

Berkery: “Yes, Sir.”

This ends the redirect, and there is no recross. The witness is excused.

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Prosecutor Connor asks to approach the bench.

The attorneys go to a sidebar.

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The sidebar ends.

Judge Burmila informs the jurors that “the testimony for today is at an end.

There are some other issues that I’m going to have to discuss with the attorneys.”

The jurors leave the courtroom.

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08/02/12: Judge Burmila Housekeeping after Jury leaves the room

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The jurors are now gone.

Judge Burmila: “Mr. Connor and Ms. Patton, you were saying you’d have at least 3 witnesses for tomorrow?”

“Yes.”

“And you’ve disclosed them to the defense? It doesn’t matter to me who they are, just that

you have witnesses.”

The prosecution and defense attorneys confer about who the State may plan to call tomorrow.

The judge reminds the attorneys that he'd like to break “at a logical point tomorrow, rather than make someone come back” (since the trial will not be in session on Friday).

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The judge gives the State leave to file the motion they mentioned earlier today regarding the “hit man” (the judge’s word) that Peterson allegedly planned to hire.

The defense is given until August 8 to address to the motion in writing.

“And then we’ll address it sometime after August 8.”

With that, the judge leaves the bench, and court is adjourned for the day.

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Judge Burmila has left the bench.

The trial will resume Friday morning at 9:00 CT/10:00 ET.

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