

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

Jennifer Schoon Testified August 17, 2012

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Judge Burmila is back on the bench.

Brodsky has a question about some discovery regarding "Dr. Case," who is apparently an upcoming prosecution witness. He complains that there is a "presentation" that Dr. Case was part of that the State has never turned over.

The prosecution responds, and the issue appears to be resolved.

The judge sends for the jury.

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08/17/2012: Prosecutor John Conner on direct examination

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The jurors are back in the courtroom, and the State calls its next witness:

Jennifer Schoon (questioned by prosecutor Connor).

She pronounces her last name "Shone."

‘Did you for a time date Stephen Peterson?’

“Yes.”

“And who was his father?”

“Drew Peterson.”

She identifies the defendant in the courtroom.

“Did you live in the same residence for a time frame?”

“Yes, for just under two years.”

She is then asked about February 29, 2004, when Drew left to take his younger sons back to Savio’s.

“Did he return with the children?”

“Yes.”

“Had that ever happened before?”

“Not that I’m aware of.”

The next night, Drew is the one who told her about Kathleen’s death. “Very close to the time of her death . . . either that night or the next morning . . . [he told her]that she had drowned in the bathtub and hit her head. And there was no water in the bathtub, because there was a leak in the tub . . . I was told there anti-depressants on the counter.”

“Who told you that?”

“Drew Peterson did.”

“Did he indicate she had possibly overdosed on anti-depressants?”

“Yes, that she had possibly taken them.”

“There was blood in the tub . . . did he indicate where that may have come from?”

“Yes, from her head . . . she hit her head.”

“Did the defendant ask for you assistance after Kathleen Savio’s death in relation to a computer that he had?” Objection.

The attorneys approach for a sidebar.

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The sidebar ends.

“When you lived at the residence, what part did you live in?”

“In the basement.”

“Could you hear everything that went on upstairs?”

“No.”

“Were you ever awakened by sounds that were happening upstairs?”

“No.”

That concludes the direct examination of this witness.

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08/17/2012: Defense Attorney Joel Brodsky on cross examination

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Brodsky begins his cross.

The witness says she lived in the Peterson basement from 2003 to 2005.

“You were living with Stephen Peterson in the basement of the house?”

“Yes.”

“Who else lived in the house?”

“Drew, Stacy, me, and Steve.”

“Thomas and Kristopher were there for visitation?”

“Yes.”

“And at some point, Stacy had a baby, and the baby was living there as well?”

“Yes.”

“Can you describe the basement?”

“There was a bedroom and a living area. And a full bathroom.”

She repeats that Drew tried to return the sons to Kathy on the evening of Feb. 29, but then brought them back.

“I know that there were phone calls made. I don’t know how many.”

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“You do know that after he came home with the kids he did make phone calls?”

“Yes.”

“And those phone calls were to try to locate Kathy, to return the children, to find out where she was?”

“Yes.”

“Drew was annoyed that Kathy wasn’t there to take the children?”

“Yes.”

“Your room in the basement was right below what part of the house?”

“The dining room area.”

“Wasn’t it also below where the washer and dryer were?”

“In the bedroom closet, yes.”

“So you could hear the washer and dryer running pretty well from downstairs, couldn’t you?”

“Not that I remember.”

“You don’t recall being able to hear the washer and dryer running when you were downstairs?”

“No.”

The witness is asked about her 2010 testimony, in which she indicated she could hear the washer and dryer running.

“I don’t being able to hear the washer and dryer running all the time.”

“But sometimes you could hear it?”

“Yes.”

“And you could hear people walking and talking in the kitchen?”

“Sometimes, maybe, if doors were open.”

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“In order to find out if somebody was down there, what would they have to do?”

“Go downstairs.”

“Did Mr. Drew Peterson do that often?”

“No.”

“And you’re not aware of him doing that the weekend he brought the kids home?”

“That weekend? Not that I’m aware of.”

“The next morning, Mr. Peterson told you that Kathy was found dead in the bathtub, and there was no water in the bathtub?”

“Yes.”

“He also told you she might have overdosed on anti-depressants?”

“Yes . . . it could have been his opinion; I don’t know.”

Once again, the witness is asked about her February 3, 2010 hearsay hearing testimony. In that testimony, the witness said the information about the anti-depressants was “his opinion.”

“So when Mr. Peterson told you that Kathleen might have overdosed, he was only giving you his opinion?”

“Yes.”

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That concludes the cross-examination of Ms. Schoon.

After a pause, the State announces that it also has no further questions.

The witness is then excused, and the judge asks the jury to leave the courtroom.

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