



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



Sharee Miller re-charged in husband's slaying

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Only a week ago, convicted killer Sharee Miller was on the verge of freedom.

Now, she's back in the Genesee County Jail without bond, having been charged again in the 1999 slaying of her husband Bruce Miller of Mt. Morris Township. Officials say she conspired with her Internet lover to have her husband killed.

Speaking only to answer questions from Circuit Judge Judith A. Fullerton, Miller was charged with conspiracy to commit first degree murder and second degree murder -- the same ones she had been convicted of in 2001.

Miller, who had been serving a life sentence in prison, will have go to trial in October after a federal court last summer overturned her conviction and ordered a retrial.

Miller's attorney David Nickola objected several times to the proceedings, saying the charges were improperly brought because the state still is appealing the federal court's decision.

He plans on filing an emergency motion with the federal court to enforce a \$20,000 bond set by Federal Judge Victoria A. Roberts last week and to bar the retrial.

"There is a pattern of conduct that is very troubling as it relates to this case," she said. "(Sharee Miller) is not treated like anyone else in court or in jail."

But Prosecutor David Leyton was pleased with the bond denial calling the murder a "heinous crime."

Officials said Miller convinced her lover Jerry Cassaday to kill Bruce Miller after claiming she had been abused by him.

Cassaday later killed himself, leaving behind a suicide note detailing the plot.

Last summer a federal judge ruled that the suicide note never should have been seen by a jury since Cassaday could not be cross examined and ordered the retrial.

The state appealed that decision, but in the meantime Miller was granted bond to be released from prison while waiting that outcome.

Instead, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor's office took Miller back into county custody as soon as she posted bond and re-charged her in Bruce Miller's murder.

The appeal will continue as the trial moves forward, Leyton said.

Bruce Miller's sister-in-law Judy Miller was at the arraignment Wednesday morning and said she plans to attend all future hearings.

"I'm just pleased there was no bond and that she'll stay where she is" she said. "It's just kind of upsetting. It's all over again having to be there and go through it."

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