

Trial: Hayward is last of four men to face charges

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to testimony last week from witnesses who claim they heard Hayward admit to killing Fran Wall, a 28-year-old mother of four, while she was restocking a cooler in a Dari Mart, 4925 Barger Drive, in Eugene.

Hayward is facing three counts of aggravated murder in addition to nine other charges for his alleged role in the robbery in which Wall was killed and her coworker Donna Ream was beaten nearly to death.

Hayward is the last of four men to face charges for the attacks at the Dari Mart. In October, Jason Brumwell was convicted of aggravated murder and was sentenced to life without parole for his role in beating Ream. And last summer, Jahl Brock, 20, and Daniel Rabago, 18, pleaded guilty to their roles in the attack.

Testimony for the first three days of the trial, which began Nov. 15, focused on Hayward's role in the murder, the part he played in the attack on Ream and whether drugs were involved in the crime.

On Nov. 16, Ream testified that she heard Hayward admit to killing Wall while Brumwell beat Ream with a metal bar. Hayward

was angry because Brumwell had not killed Ream, she said.

"Can't you kill her? I killed mine," Ream quoted Hayward as saying to Brumwell.

Four men entered the Dari Mart around 11 p.m. on April 10, 1994. Brumwell forced Ream to empty the cash register by threatening her with a metal bar, Ream said. Meanwhile, Hayward disappeared into the back of the store where Wall was restocking the cooler, Ream said. Prosecutors say they believe Hayward killed Wall at this point.

After about four minutes, Brumwell walked to the back of the store, where Ream testified she heard the cooler door open. When the two returned after another minute had passed, Hayward's face was spattered with blood and he was carrying a metal bar, Ream said.

Defense attorney Rich Mullen claimed Brumwell could have killed Wall while both men were in the cooler. Rabago and Brock, who will testify against Hayward, are unreliable witnesses, he said. To back up his claim, he noted that Brock gave different accounts of the attack at Rabago's and Brumwell's trials.

Mullen suggested that Rabago

and Brock made a deal with the state to alter their testimonies in exchange for lighter prison sentences, ranging from eight to 11 years.

"These men have a vested interest in staying on the good side of the state," Mullen said in his opening statement.

Another witness, Karen Stenard, a release assistance officer for the state of Oregon, also testified she heard Hayward admit to killing Wall. She claimed Hayward smiled and laughed while she interviewed him after he was arrested in September of 1994. When she asked Hayward whether he killed Wall, he said "he definitely did it," Stenard claimed.

Hayward's lawyers will try to convince the jury that Brumwell killed Wall. In his opening statement, Mullen claimed that Hayward was so high on LSD the day of the crime he cannot remember who killed Wall. Hayward took 30 to 40 hits of LSD, a hallucinogenic drug, the day of the murder, claimed the defense.

When Hayward saw police pictures of Wall's body, he told detectives he could not have committed a crime so brutal without the influence of LSD, Mullen said.

Hayward is not sure whether or not he killed Wall, Mullen told the jury.

"He is asking you to look at the evidence to see at what level he is responsible beyond a reasonable doubt," Mullen said.

But prosecuting Deputy District Attorney Bob Gorham says the attack on the Dari Mart was a preplanned, satanic thrill kill. In his opening statement, Gorham accused Hayward of having little respect for human life, quoting him as comparing Wall's death to "a bobcat killing a rabbit (by) shredding it to pieces," in a statement Hayward allegedly made to police.

Ream testified that the attack on the Dari Mart appeared preplanned.

"It was very well planned," she told the courtroom. "They didn't even talk. They knew what they had to do."

The four men did not appear to be on drugs as the defense claims, Ream said. She said she can recognize symptoms of substance abuse because her high school friends used drugs.

The trial will continue on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Circuit Court Room 1. The presiding judge is Pierre Van Rysselberghe.

Media often portray feminists as one-dimensional, bell hooks says

■ **EQUALITY:** hooks urges students to participate in feminist politics

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Reporter

PORTLAND — There is a difference between what the mass media call feminism and what political feminism really is, said bell hooks, a professor of English at the City University of New York.

hooks spoke to a crowd of about 1,000 people Saturday night at Reed College during The Joy of Struggle conference.

hooks said the media portray feminism as a catch-all school of thought that all women can attain. In this process, hooks said the media ignore issues of class and race, making feminism only a struggle to be equal with men.

"Feminists get to be presented by the mass media as one-dimensional figures," she said. "[But our goal] is to end sexism and sexist oppression. And to do that we have to transform society as a whole so we don't fall into the idea that men are the enemy and women are the nice little victims."

hooks said media portrayal prevents peo-

ple from becoming involved in the feminist struggle that is working to end all forms of oppression in society, including sexism, racism and homophobia.

She said media portrayal of events like the O.J. Simpson trial have prevented people from seeing that different forms of oppression are connected.

"O.J. was greatly about race, sex and class," hooks said. "But the mass media wants to keep this sense of territory — that these issues never overlap. These things are intertwined."

The Million Man March's underlying message of anti-Semitism, sexism and homophobia was also ignored by the media, which chose to focus on the march's image of solidarity, hooks said.

"Think about the messages contained in the most narrow readings of Farrakhan," she said. "So much of the rhetoric is similar to the rhetoric of the militant Christian right."

She said women of color who speak out against events such as the march are labeled as race traitors. hooks said she feels this label is used to maintain sexism among people of color and to prevent women of color from getting involved in feminist issues.

hooks said the media and society as a whole also prevent women of color from becoming involved in working towards feminist goals. She said the media portray feminism as a white women's movement and that society promotes this idea by praising white women for their racism.

"To many black women, feminism is synonymous with bourgeois white women," she said. "The racism of white women shouldn't act as a barrier to prevent black women and men and other people of color from engaging in feminist politics."

hooks encouraged the audience to participate in feminist politics at the university level. She said current changes in society affecting the way people think about issues mean that changes need to occur in the educational system.

"Students everywhere in the U.S. should claim the education they want to have," she said.

She warned that students interested in changing college curriculums need to be incredibly dedicated to the cause because they will face large struggles along the way.

As a sign of protest against patriarchy, hooks does not capitalize her name.

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