

Kip Kinkel

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tempted murder on Sept. 24, for killing his parents and two Thurston High School students while on a shooting rampage in the school's cafeteria on May 21, 1998. Mattison will decide whether Kinkel should serve a consecutive sentence for the counts of attempted murder — either 25 years or 220 years.

The hearing began with testimony from Lane County Sheriff's Detective Pamela McComas, who helped search the Kinkel residence the morning of the shooting.

McComas said she entered the house about three hours after the Thurston High School shooting and, with the soundtrack to the movie "Romeo and Juliet" blaring on the stereo, found the bodies of Kinkel's parents, Bill and Faith, as well as weapons and statements from Kinkel.

McComas said trails of blood around the house suggested that the bodies had been moved. Blood on the kitchen counter indicated that Bill Kinkel was shot while sitting at the breakfast bar, and then moved to the bathroom, where Kinkel covered him with a white sheet. He was shot once in the head.

In a taped interview, Kinkel said, "I didn't know what to do so I dragged him into the bathroom and put a white sheet over him."

McComas said it appeared that Faith Kinkel was shot while walking up the stairs from the garage to the house. Kinkel left a trail of blood while dragging his mother to the garage floor, also covering her with a white sheet. Faith Kinkel was shot five times in the head and once in the chest.

After searching the house, McComas said she found Kinkel's thoughts in the form of a journal.

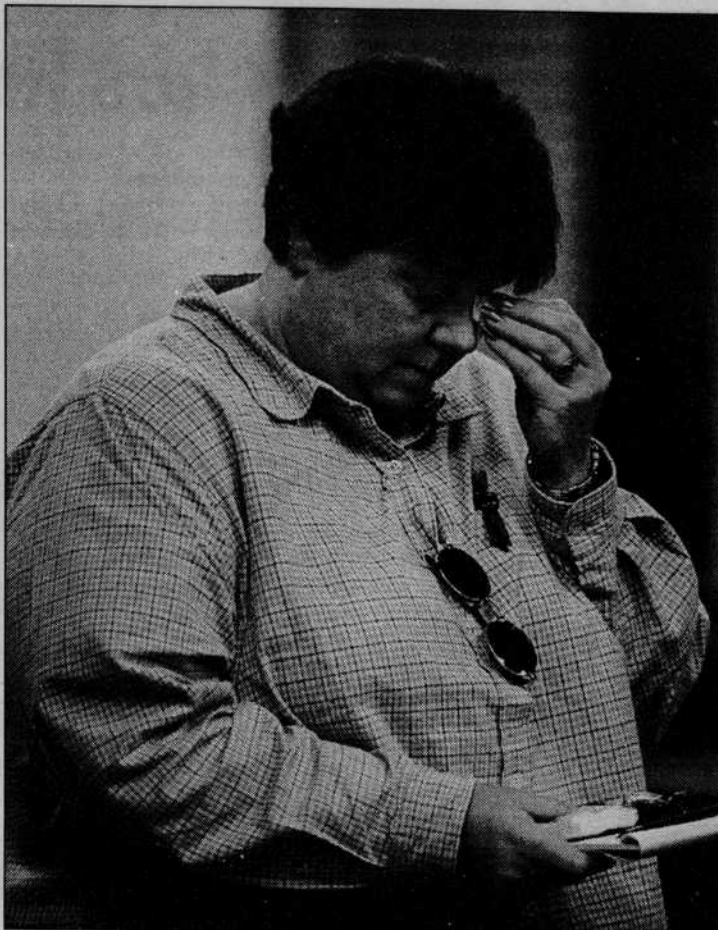
"I am always alone. I try so hard every day but in the end I hate myself for what I've become," the journal read. "I hate every person on this earth, and I wish they'd all go away."

The journal also included many calls for help.

"I am strong but my head just doesn't work right ... I need help. Why aren't I normal? Help me ... no one will ..."

McComas also reported finding piles of bullets, knives and a wooden human silhouette at the Kinkel residence.

In response to testimony given



Chris Pietsch The Associated Press/Pool

Dawna Nickolauson, mother of Mikael Nickolauson, one of two students killed by Kinkel, pauses to wipe her eye after leaving the sentencing hearing.

by Springfield Police Detective Alan Worthen, the officer who first questioned Kinkel, defense attorneys played the tape recording of Kinkel's preliminary police interview. On the tape, an upset and sobbing Kinkel described how he killed his mother.

On the tape, Kinkel told police detectives that he said "I love you" to his mother before he shot her.

Worthen questioned Kinkel about a possible bomb placed in a fire extinguisher. Kinkel denied the bomb's existence and Worthen believed him.

Eugene Police Officer Sean McGann, also officer for the Explosive Disposal Unit, later discovered the fire extinguisher device in a crawl space under Kinkel's house. When the fire extinguisher was detonated, McGann said it was a "very powerful explosion." Pieces of the fire extinguisher were propelled more than 100 feet in the air, he said.

McGann reported finding many other explosive devices in the Kinkel home, including fireworks, a ticking device connected to explosive material, a can of

black powder and a bomb-like device made out of soda cans put together with black electrical tape connected to a fuse.

K-9 units searched the house to detect any other dangerous instruments but were unable to remain focused due to the number of different chemicals and explosives, McGann said.

Additional testimony was offered by Kinkel's former classmates.

Adam Pearce said that the morning of the shooting, Kinkel warned him not to go to school because it was "a bad day."

Some students testified that Kinkel did not only shower the cafeteria with bullets but seemed to deliberately seek out some victims.

"Kip pulled out a gun and pointed it at Ben [Walker], but it didn't fire. He looked frustrated. He cocked it and shot him in the head," Ben Underwood testified. Walker, along with Michael Nicholauson, was killed in the shooting.

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ting that we can't trust our system to protect us, and it's upsetting that these women were harassed in this way. I hope the University community can help the women who were harassed."

Jennie Breslow, Women's Center spokeswoman, said if people get threatening phone calls, they should hang up the phone and call OPS or the police non-emergency line.

"He wants to know that he's scared you," she said. "That's

why it's best to not engage in conversation with him."

Though threatening phone calls are often trivialized, they are a serious invasion and cause a heightened sense of fear, said Sarah McCafferty, a senior sociology and women's studies double-major who volunteers for the spacecrisis hotline. Threatening phone calls "arise fear that you wouldn't normally have," McCafferty said.

Harassment

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"I hope this person is found as soon as possible," he said.

ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani said she supports looking into requiring passwords if the directory continues to be abused.

"This is the first negative experience [with the directory] I've heard about," she said. "It's upset-

Calendar

Nov. 3, Wednesday

Graduate School and Fall Career Fair: Graduate and law schools introduce their offerings to students, and employers recruit students. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. EMU Ballroom. Free. For information, browse uocareer.uoregon.edu/CAREER/Fair.htm or call 346-3235.

Center for the Study of Women in Society Lecture: Bonni Cermak, History graduate student, discusses "Redefining Rape in Paradise: Remembering the Massie Incident." Noon to 1 p.m. Room 330, Hen-

dricks Hall. Free. For information, browse csws.uoregon.edu/ or call 346-5015.

Spanish Civil War Film Series: View "The Spanish Earth" in conjunction with this fall's interdisciplinary and community event, "Looking Back: The Spanish Civil War." 4 p.m. Media Services, Knight Library. For information, call Bonnie Roos, 346-0522.

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