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assisted with the investigation and was involved with Payton's interview.

Bravo began sobbing as she told the jury how Payton kept asking over and over again, "Why did she have to die? Why did she have to go to heaven?"

Lay ministers, divorce attorneys, former friends, ex-girlfriends and coworkers were all brought forward to establish that Zielinski had in fact been obsessed with keeping his wife from leaving him at all costs. The prosecution sought to establish that, up until the months before the murder, Zielinski appeared stable and had no apparent issues with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Zielinski's co-worker at the Salvation Army Kroc Center, Cheri Hawkins-Weltz, testified that he had sought her and another employee out to ask for advice and unburden himself.

Hawkins-Weltz stated that after Christmas 2010 she noticed that he was talking to more of his female co-workers about his personal problems. Hawkins-Weltz said Zielinski appeared to be "targeting women who were soft-hearted, easy listeners and comforting" to talk to. She eventually had to address the situation because the defendant appeared to be getting more and more upset and that he was upsetting the women he was talking to as well.

Emails and text messages fueled much of the case. It was Lisa's emails and texts to her co-worker and lover, Jeff Morgan, that were discovered by the defendant and deemed by the prosecution the motive for Zielinski killing his wife.

Morgan testified Lisa had told him she was scared of the defendant and he was verbally abusive. But, he added, Lisa said she was not concerned for her safety. During cross examination, Morgan stated Lisa told him about Zielinski grabbing her around the throat while they were in bed asleep and that this was caused by war nightmare. He said that she told him she played a "role" in public in regard to her marriage to Zielinski because he could be psychotic.

The prosecution also played the video-taped Keizer Police interview with Zielinski. The jury saw the defendant on tape just hours

after he murdered his wife. He appeared to be in a heightened emotional state. His recitation of events is erratic and interspersed with details of the previous few weeks; Lisa's affair, her private emails and text messages that he had read without her permission, their ongoing confrontations, his conversations with a priest, a lay minister, a divorce attorney and the marriage therapist. He is cold and asks repeatedly for his coat and a blanket.

"She looks at me with rage in her eyes," Zielinski said on the video. Eventually, he walks the officer through his morning. The defendant tells the officer how he was in the shower and got out, that Lisa came into the bathroom and asked if she was in his way.

There is a pause and the detective tells Zielinski, "You have to finish your story."

He tried to hug her but she pushed him away and told him to get out of the bathroom. "You're done in here," Lisa told him. Zielinski says he left the bathroom, that he was going to get a drink of water but instead turned toward a closet.

"I don't know what I did. I don't know how I did it. I'm screaming in my mind 'No, No, No,' but I can't stop," Zielinski said.

"What do you keep in your closet?" the officer asks.

"I didn't need anything out of the closet," the defendant said in the video. "I reach out and ..."

"Grab what?" the officer asks. "You got to say the words, Pete. What did you grab? What do you see yourself doing?" "I can't," Zielinski responds.

"Pete, you know what you did. What did you reach for in the closet? You've got to say it. We know what happened," the detective said. "I love her so much," Zielinski replies.

"I know you loved her. Something snapped. You have to tell the story."

"I reached for the gun," the defendant said. He never states that he shot, but brings his hand up shaped like a gun he pulls his finger back and says, "Bang, bang."

The prosecution ended their case with autopsy photos, images meant to stay in the minds of the jury

members long after the state had rested their case and the defense started theirs.

The defense began their case on the morning of Aug. 26, after the medical examiner wrapped up his testimony. There was a heightened sense of agitation in the courtroom because Zielinski was set to testify in his defense in the coming days.

Zielinski's brother Dean and his sister, Joanne, both testified that he had returned from the military a different person.

"He was more reserved, on guard and ultra-aware of his surroundings," said Joanne Zielinski.

"He wasn't the same Pete. He came back a different person," said Dean Zielinski who described his brother as a happy, fun person who liked to joke around before he left for the Marine Corps.

Zielinski's attorney Matthew Tracey also called several Marine Corps veterans who had served with Zielinski during Operation Desert Shield, the first Gulf War. They recounted nightmarish conditions that included their company being carpet bombed by friendly fire, the panic that ensued when a fellow soldier was buried alive in his fighting hole and the smell of burned civilian bodies. One memory that each veteran shared was the perpetual state of fear they all lived in as radio operators. Their antennas, which could reach up to 10 feet above their packs, made them a prime target for the enemy. They testified that taking out a communications operator would effectively cut the company off from the rest of their battalion leaving them "sitting ducks."

Testimony continued until the defense called friend and colleague, Kathryn Pickett, to the witness stand. Pickett, a co-worker from the Kroc Center, began her testimony describing her friendship with the defendant stating that she had known him for many years. She had visited the defendant a total of 26 times while he was in jail, Deputy District Attorney Brendan Murphy said.

"He was a very happy person who loved to serve. He always greeted people with a smile. He had a servant heart," she told the defense attorney.

"The day before the accident he came to me. We were close. He came to confide in me. He needed to talk to somebody about Lisa's affair. He was afraid of losing his family. We didn't normally

talk about deep intimate things," Pickett said.

Murphy immediately jumped on these comments during his cross examination.

"Accident?" he asks, "This the word you used." He picked up the gun Zielinski used to kill Lisa and slammed it down on the edge of the witness stand. "Do you know what this is? Can you accidentally put a bullet from the magazine

It was presented as a hoax, something malingeringers said and no symptoms were given. I knew I felt different. I never felt I had a place anymore," Zielinski said.

He described increasing wartime nightmares, hyper-vigilance, an increased startle response, having night sweats, being unable to identify his emotions and feelings and of being withdrawn and outside

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— Peter Zielinski, Defendant

into the chamber?"

"I was trying to be nice," Pickett said. "I thought that was what this trial is about."

Defense counsel objected to the line of questioning and the jury was sent out. What followed was a series of arguments by the separate counsels on intent and whether Pickett's statements implied she had knowledge that neither the attorneys nor the jury were privy to.

"It is an argument between intent and accident," Murphy said.

"She's a friend," Tracey said. "Not an expert."

"I don't believe that the defendant has ever admitted to killing the victim," Murphy replied. "She was commenting on intent during a trial that is all about intent."

Tripp admonished the witness and brought the jury back to the courtroom.

Zielinski began his testimony Tuesday, Aug. 27, describing his childhood and broken home. According to Zielinski, alcohol abuse was frequent and the children were spanked with a belt. The punishments increased the more his father drank. His attorneys slowly built a picture of trauma and instability, a boy who was often pretending to be happy when he was smiling.

Tracey followed this with extensive questions about his military training, his combat experiences and the medals he received. At one point, Tracey asked if Zielinski was referred for psychological counseling after he was discharged.

"It wasn't something I was aware of. Acknowledging feelings was frowned upon. The term PTSD was not used. Gulf War Syndrome was used.

of society.

As testimony drew nearer to Lisa's affair and the murder, Zielinski described his memory loss and their relationship in terms of loss, war, battle, conflict and encounters. He denied being verbally abusive and calling his wife names, incidents which many of the prosecution's witnesses had testified. Zielinski claims many of these comments, in person as well as in emails, were him being sarcastic and were meant to be amusing or inside jokes.

After a day and half of testimony, Zielinski arrived at the morning of Lisa's murder. Zielinski's face was blank, but there was often a tremble in his voice — the only sign that he was reliving the actions that led him to take his wife's life. Lisa had just rejected him for the final time.

"I don't feel like I am driving my own body. I am just moving. I can't trust my memory at this point. I take the gun and go back to the bathroom." The door was closed but he doesn't remember opening it, he said.

"I remember seeing Lisa. She turns to me and is frustrated that I am there. I raise the gun. I feel the gun fire in my hand," but he doesn't remember pulling the trigger. "I remember Lisa falling to the ground, I look at her lying there and I'm confused and I don't know what happened. All I remember is wanting her to get up."

After Zielinski testified, the defense began bringing their expert witnesses to the stand.

Sociologist William Brown took the stand. Brown conducts research on military culture and its impact on veterans returning to civilian

life.

"In the civilian world, everyone is equal. In the military world, the enemy is less than human. It makes it easier to kill them. The ultimate goal is to kill the enemy," Brown stated. He went on to describe a culture that celebrates death and killing which is the opposite of civilian world values. Brown testified that once veterans, especially combat veterans, leave that culture they feel displaced and rejected in the civilian world. This "sense of other" increases if they have seen combat and killed anyone.

Brown's testimony was followed by Alex Duncan, a clinical and forensic psychologist originally contracted by the district attorney's office to evaluate Zielinski. Duncan testified that, when he met with the district attorney's office in 2012, he had concerns about the defendant's mental state. It was his opinion that there was evidence that Zielinski had experienced trauma and that he was exhibiting symptoms of PTSD.

Duncan indicated that trauma symptoms, if not dealt with, become more pronounced over time. He told the jury that individuals with trauma related disorders often self-medicate with alcohol to cope with the stress, flashbacks and nightmares. When any coping mechanism, good or bad, is removed it often leads to an increase in stress and more symptoms.

"The defendant exhibited significant symptoms of stress affecting his emotions as well as his short-term and long-term memory," Duncan said.

The defense's final witness, Robert Stanulis, is a forensic and clinical psychologist with a specialization in neurobiology.

Stanulis addressed the jury directly when questioned. He smiled as he explained the ins and outs of his research which looks at incarceration rates of veterans with PTSD and he explained that medical research has shown that traumatic events physically alter the brain.

When asked about Zielinski, specifically, Stanulis indicated that after "looking at all the information, in context, and what happened at the time Lisa was killed" that there appeared to be a pattern of Zielinski becoming dissociative.

Dissociative behavior is a condition that involves disruptions or breakdowns of memory, awareness, identity or perception.

The defense rested their case after dealing with additional questions about Stanulis' motives as a witness. The jury delivered the guilty verdict in just under three hours.

Community library welcomes new manager

The Keizer Community Library (KCL) Board of Directors has appointed Vicki Brammeier as the new Library Manager.

A library volunteer for two years, Brammeier has worked in several areas, including staffing the circulation desk, posting information on social media, and coordinating computers and printers. She is now adding manager to those responsibilities.

"Vicki has 25 years of management

experience in the areas of technology operations, accounts receivable and project management," said Board of Directors President Paula Guiles. "Her focus will be teamwork with our wonderful volunteers so that library services continue and grow in the Keizer community."

Brammeier's professional experience includes work at



V. Brammeier

Legislative Administration, Oregon Department of Corrections, and the Marion County Health Department.

"Vicki said she felt comfortable taking on this new responsibility because of the dedication of her co-volunteers, support of the Board of Directors, and the importance of the library in the community. We're

Vicki has added library manager to her volunteer responsibilities," Guiles said.

"I have loved books all my life. I have been a library patron in every town I've lived in," Brammeier said. "When I was growing up, my friend and I would visit the library, check out books, then spend the rest of the day reading."

Brammeier has been married to Jon, a master woodworker for 32 years. She has four children and six grand-

children who all live in the Salem and Portland area. "When I'm not working at the library, I'm either quilting or walking my dog, Bo," she said

The Keizer Community Library, 980 Chemawa Road NE in the Keizer Cultural Center, is open 1-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 1-4 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The library's website is www.keizerlibrary.org.

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of Jacquelyn Chase Marion County Circuit Court Case No. 19PB06377

All persons having claims against the above-identified estate must present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of the notice to the personal representative at the address designated in the notice for the presentation of claims or they may be barred.

Jim Owens, Personal Representative c/o Sam Sears 570 Liberty St. SE, Suite 240 Salem, Oregon 97301

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal

representative.

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION Probate Department No. 19PB06524

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID WALTER VANDERHOFF, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, to

the Personal Representative by directing said claims to Doug VandeGriend, 317 Court Street NE #203, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Doug VandeGriend. Submitted 8/22/2019 First Published 8/30/2019

/s/ Jonathan A Clark Jonathan A Clark, Personal Representative

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion Case No. 19PB05973

In the Matter of the Estate of Helen I. Randle, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Helen I. Randle died May 13, 2019, and that by order of the above entitled

Court, the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative.

All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative at 693 Chemeketa Street NE, Post Office Box 2247, Salem, Oregon 97308-2247, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding are advised that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Sharon M. Knudsen Personal Representative

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE

On 24th day of September, 2019, at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance of the Marion Co. Courthouse, in Salem, OR, I will sell the following real property: 1865 Trade Street SE, Salem, in the case of NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. AMY GRENZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ADAM L STEEN, STATE OF OREGON, OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendant(s). For more information go to <http://oregonsheriffssales.org>

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