

Du Pont gets 13 to 30 years for murder

Millionaire's claim of mental disease in wrestlers death rejected

More than a year after John E. du Pont fired three deadly shots at Olympic champion wrestler David Schultz, the chemicals heir was sentenced Tuesday to 13 to 30 years in prison for the crime.

Delaware County Common Pleas Judge Patricia Jenkins pronounced the sentence after a day-long hearing during which du Pont apologized to Schultz's widow and children.

"I wish to apologize to Nancy Schultz and her children, and I'm very sorry for what happened," du Pont said, speaking publicly for the first time about the killing.

In February, the 58-year-old du

Pont was found guilty but mentally ill on a charge of third-degree murder in Schultz's killing.

Earlier Tuesday, Jenkins ordered that du Pont receive treatment for what she determined was a continued severe mental disability.

At the sentencing hearing, mental health experts said du Pont no longer suffers from the paranoid schizophrenia that made him see ghosts. But two defense doctors testified that he could return to the abyss if forced to serve his sentence in prison rather than a mental hospital. Jenkins heard testimony from doctors, friends and Schultz's widow before announcing the sentence. Du

Pont could have received to five to 40 years in custody and a \$50,000 fine.

Two defense experts and one for the prosecution testified that eight months of treatment at Norristown State Hospital have countered du Pont's paranoid schizophrenia.

They said he no longer poses a threat to himself or others, a yardstick for determining where he should begin serving his sentence.

But the defense experts said they fear a lack of controls in prison will allow du Pont to stop taking his anti-psychotic drugs.

"Were he to either be placed in a stressful situation ... or he stop

taking his medication, that would again show an acute exacerbation of the paranoid illness ... and he would pose a potential danger to himself and others," forensic psychologist Gerald Cooke said.

Prosecution, widow looked for long sentence Prosecutors pressed for a stiff sentence. Nancy Schultz also asked for a lengthy sentence for the man who killed her husband on January 26, 1996, and left her two children without their father.

Defense lawyer Thomas Bergstrom was pleased with the February 25 verdict even though the jury rejected his client's insanity defense. Bergstrom has expressed hope that

du Pont would someday return home.

Du Pont killed Schultz, 38, as the 1984 Olympic gold medalist was tinkering with his car in the driveway of his home on the edge of du Pont's Newtown Square estate and wrestling center.

Du Pont locked himself inside his mansion for two days after the shooting, negotiating with police on the telephone.

He was captured when he walked outside to fix his heater.

Witnesses said du Pont's slide into mental illness began after his mother died in 1988. Jurors heard tales of du Pont using cocaine, casually toting around guns and believ-

ing he was the Dalai Lama.

Defense psychiatrists testified that du Pont killed Schultz out of a paranoid delusion that the wrestler, his longtime friend, was an agent of an international conspiracy to kill him.

Prosecutors said du Pont killed Schultz because he was jealous of the respect Schultz commanded in the wrestling world. Nancy Schultz has sued du Pont for damages resulting from her husband's death.

Du Pont also has an agreement pending in court that would allow estranged relatives to take over control of his financial affairs, valued at an estimated \$250 million.

BUSINESS Directory

COUPON
Elk Cleaners & Laundry
 1014 N. Killingsworth
503-735-2989
 20% off any dry cleaning order of \$20.00 or more (incoming order)
 85c Shirts laundered

Pizzeria Mama-Mia
 2525 NE Alberta
\$3.00 Off any Medium Or Large Pizza
 Portland, OR 97211 (503) 287-7388

TIFFANY'S
 Buttons & Bows Clothing Store
 Thersa White
 Owner
 (503) 249-1658
 Mon-Sat, 9am-9pm
 3519 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd.
 Portland, Oregon 97212

MLK/Tenna Shoes
The Quality Family Shoe Store
(503) 335-0905
 Fax: (503) 335-0927
 3532 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd. - Portland, OR 97212

Barbosa's General Contractors
 4134 N. Vancouver, Oame Center
 #211, Portland, Oregon 97217
 Proudly announce the beginning of a new roofing season. We are ready and proud to put your home project on our work schedule. New roofs, repairs, painting, and remodeling.
 Licensed-Bonded-Insured CCB 0120933.
 For a free estimate call 281-1666

Earl's Barber Shop
 1726 NE Alberta
 Portland, Oregon 97211
 Tues. - Sat. 8:30 - 6:00

SPARKS
 Computerized Car Care
ERIC F. SCHINIDRIG
 Manager
 "Mechanics You Can Trust"
 3204 N.E. Broadway
 Portland, Oregon 97232
 (503)284-5970

Tiffany's II
 543 NE Killingsworth
 Portland, Oregon 97211
 (503) 287-6557

NA'IM'S
 Hair Connection
 Full Service Salon
 4603 N. Williams Ave.
 Portland, OR 97217
 (503) 288-3171

"NOBODY IS BETTER THAN US."
Broadous Auto Service
 Specializing in
 "Steam Cleaning, Undercoating
 & Auto Detailing"
 4612 N. Williams Ave.
 Portland, OR 97217 282-9424

LUE PARKER
 (503) 281-8696
TROPICANA RESTAURANT
 Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
 Specializing in Barbeque Ribs & Beef
 Tues.-Thurs. 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. 3217 N. Williams Avenue
 Fri. & Sat. 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 Portland, Oregon 97212

Lu's Adorable Do's
 Hair Salon
 407 NE Mason Ste 4
 Portland, OR 97211
 Call Lunita Renfrow
(503) 460-9414
Lunita Renfrow

J.L.S. Lawn Service
 office: 503-335-0263
Estimates

McMurphy's Appliance Center
 Sales • Service • Parts
 4011 N.E. Union Ave. • Portland, OR 97212
288-3233

GENEVA'S
 Shear Perfection Barber-Beauty Salon
Camille Wilson
 Nail Technician
 Specializing in Acrylic Nails, Manicures & Pedicures
 Phone: (503) 285-5085 5601 N.E. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.
 Pager: (503) 909-6724 Portland, Oregon 97211
 Mon. Fri. 9-6 • Sat. 8-6

CANNON'S RIB EXPRESS
 Chicken • Pork Ribs • Beef Ribs
 Catering & Take-Out
 Wayne & Juanita Cannon
 (Proprietors)
 Our Specialty: Real Hickory Smoked Bar-B-Q
 Mon-thur 11:30am-9:00pm • FRI-SAT 11:30am-11:00pm • Sun 1:00pm-7:00pm
 3328 N.E. KILLINGSWORTH **288-3836**

McCowan's Plastering Inc.
 We Specialize In E.I.F.S. Stucco and Remodels
(503) 281-7178 Office
(503) 833-8848 Pager
Troy McCowan Licensed • Bonded • Insured

PHILLY CAFE
 445 N.E. KILLINGSWORTH
288-9367
 Fish & Chips
 Teriyaki Chicken & Beef
 Hamburgers
MONDAY - SATURDAY, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Open 7 days a week!!!
BIG CITY PRODUCE
 5128 NORTH ALBINA STREET (AT SUMNER)
460-3830
QUALITY AT LOW PRICES
BEST GREENS IN PORTLAND

UNION AVENUE GLASS COMPANY
 All Types of Auto, Plate and Window Glass
 Storm Doors and Windows
 4709 NE MLK Jr Blvd Portland, Oregon 97211
LORRAINE HLAIVINKA
 Woman Owned Phone 249-5886

STEWART GROUP REALTY
 5802 NE Mallory
 Portland, OR 97211
 503-289-4970
 Lyda Overton, Broker
 Home: 503-282-2247
 Fax: 503-281-2309