

**Drew Peterson Trial 2012 - Murder of Kathleen Savio
People of the State of Illinois v. Drew Peterson (09CF-1048)
Will County, Joliet, Illinois**

Louis Oleszkiewicz Testified on August 2, 2012

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In Session

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Chuck Pelkie has just given us the list of today’s expected witnesses.

The State is now planning on calling Louis Oleszkiewicz, Michael Newton, Tim Berkery, and Mike Johnson...all are paramedics or EMTs who responded to Savio’s home the night her body was discovered.

It’s also “possible” that attorney Harry Smith may be called later this afternoon, but that is still questionable.

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08/02/12: Prosecutor John Connor on direct examination

In Session

Louis Oleszkiewicz (“oh-LESS-keh-vitch”) takes the stand.

He is being questioned by prosecutor John Connor.

He is a firefighter paramedic for the town of Bolingbrook, Illinois. He briefly goes over his training and professional experience. He also explains that he fills out a form for every call to which he’s dispatched.

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On March 1, 2004 he received a call for “an unresponsive female” at 10:25 pm.

O: “We arrived at 22:49 [10:29] there was a Bolingbrook policeman outside who directed us inside.”

He says there was a second Bolingbrook police officer in uniform inside the house, but can't identify him at this time.

"I entered the bathroom, and found a female down in the bathtub. She had no pulse; she appeared to be deceased. I attached her to our electrocardiogram...there was no electrical activity in the heart at that time...it prints out a piece of paper with the electrical activity on it, which we attach to our report...and it's submitted to the hospital."

Prosecution: "Do you have to go back out to the ambulance at that point?"

O: "Yes, we call the medical control physician, let him know what we saw...and he will make the decision whether we work the patient or whether we pronounce them. And we don't do any lifesaving action at that time."

The "pronouncement time" was 11:05 pm.

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O: "We write down what we saw."

Prosecution: "Recall how the skin felt for the body of Kathleen Savio?"

O: "She felt cold to the touch, like a waxy, cold feeling. And dry."

Prosecution: "What do you remember about her hair?"

O: "Her hair was like matted, damp...and kind of matted down; I have no other way to explain it than that."

Prosecution: "How did you place the monitors onto her body?"

O: "Normally, the monitor leads are placed on the front of the chest. Because of the position of Miss Savio, they were placed on her shoulder blades, on her back."

Prosecution: "The scene that night, would you recognize what you observed if it were shown to you in court?"

O: "Yes, I would."

Shown a photograph of the bathroom, the witness says that he doesn't recall seeing a towel that evening that is now present in the picture. Other than that detail, the photograph accurately reflects the scene as he saw it that night.

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Using a laser pointer, the witness notes the blue towel that's in the photograph but that he didn't see it that night.

Before he can go further, the attorneys go to a sidebar.

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The sidebar ends.

Prosecution: "What was the time frame that you were actually inside that residence?"

O: "From 22:49 until we cleared the scene at 23:12."

Prosecution: "After you called the doctor, did you have to go back into the residence?"

O: "Yes, to collect our equipment."

Prosecution: "When you came back in, that towel was still not present?"

O: "That is correct."

Once again, the witness is asked about "some type of plastic objects" that can be seen in the bathroom photo.

O: "These are the plastic covers that are on the electro-leads...there are three of them...those caps are removed from the leads themselves, and placed down there, and then the leads are placed on the body."

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In Session

The witness points out these plastic caps he has just mentioned.

Again, he says the photo reflects the scene accurately except for the presence of the blue towel.

O: "I mentioned to the State Police investigators that I thought it was odd...
Objection/Overruled... I told them there was no towel or bath mat present when I responded to the scene. I don't recall mentioning clothing."

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Prosecution: "Recall how many days it was from that evening before you spoke to the state police about the towel?"

O: "It was either three or six days."

Prosecution: "Did you meet an individual that evening you later came to know was Drew Peterson?"

O: "Yes."

He identifies "Sgt. Peterson" in the courtroom.

Prosecution: "That evening, do you recall where in the house you saw Sgt. Peterson?"

O: "Later on in the evening, he was upstairs in the landing area of the second floor... that's where I recall seeing him."

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08/02/12: Defense Attorney Steve Greenberg on cross examination

In Session

Steve Greenberg begins the cross-examination of Louis Oleszkiewicz.

O: "I've been a paramedic for 17 years."

He's been with the Bolingbrook F.D. for 10 years, and repeats that he was dispatched on the night in question to respond to "an unresponsive female."

He was able to respond to the scene four minutes after being dispatched.

O: "There were two other paramedics...Michael Johnson, and Tim Berkery."

Defense: "There were policemen there, other than Sgt. Peterson?"

O: "Yes."

Defense: "Do the police get dispatched the same time you do?"

O: "I'm not sure if they're automatically dispatched."

Defense: "Was there a fire truck that arrived when you arrived?"

O: "Yes...they assist us with our equipment, and they go into the house as well, to assist us with the situation."

Defense: "There were a total of four of you who went into the house, from the Fire Department?"

O: "Yes."

Defense: "You guys all go upstairs?"

O: "Yes."

Defense: "You've been trained not to touch anything?"

O: "Yes."

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Oleszkiewicz is asked about the report that he prepared following this run. He explains a reference to an "eye shield," which is basically the safety glasses he had that night. He and the other responders also had gloves that night.

Defense: "Before you touch the patient, do you put on the gloves first?"

O: "Gloves first."

According to the witness, Savio was "cold" when he touched her.

Defense: "Colder than she should be?"

O: "Correct."

Defense: "Can you tell by how cold they are how long they've been there?"

O: "I have not been trained to do that."

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The witness repeats that Savio's skin had a "waxy" texture.

Defense: "Blood drains from areas of the body, and if you push on those areas they don't just bounce back?"

O: "Correct... 'waxy' is more of a visual appearance than a physical appearance."

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Greenberg asks for a moment, then continues.

"You said her hair was damp and matted down?"

O: "Correct."

Defense: "Did you make all these observations before you put the electrodes on?"

O: "Yes."

He repeats that he placed electrodes only on Savio's back, due to the position of her body. The caps that covered the end of the leads were removed and placed on the edge of the bathtub.

Defense: "And then what did you do with them?"

O: "I left them there."

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Once again the witness is asked to look at a photograph of Savio bathroom.

He identifies a soap dish, and a rubber ducky.

Defense: "And there are towels?"

O: "Yes...they did not catch my attention that evening."

Defense: "But you told the police that you didn't see any towels?"

O: "I stated that I didn't see any towels where it indicated she was taking a bath or shower."

Defense: "Can you tell the size of the blue towel that's folded up?"

O: "No."

Defense: "Did you see any towels hanging on the back of the door?"

O: "No."

Defense: "Did you see a robe hanging on the back of the door?"

O: "No."

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Oleszkiewicz repeats that Savio's hair appeared to be "matted down...as if it was wet, and then dried."

Defense: "How wet was it?"

O: "I can't qualify how wet...it was just damp. It was not dripping wet."

Defense: "It did not appear as if someone had just stepped out of the shower or the tub?"

O: "No."

Defense: "Once you made the conclusion that the individual is deceased, you call a doctor?"

O: "Correct."

Defense: "And they issue a time of death?"

O: "Correct."

Defense: "You can't make the call that it's over?"

O: "Correct."

Defense: "Once the doctor does that, your job is over at the scene?"

O: "That's correct."

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Greenberg finishes his cross, and the witness is now excused.

The jury is excused, because there's apparently "an equipment malfunction" in the courtroom.

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Judge Burmila is back on the bench.

"We've resolved the [technical] issue."

He sends for the jurors, and asks the State to get the next witness.

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