

SECURITY VIDEO'S REAL-LIFE HORROR - A PLEA OF LOVE - THEN 4 MEN DIE AT WESTLAND PARTY STORE 2 SURVIVORS TESTIFY JUDGE ORDERS WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER TRIAL

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Clasping his hands in a prayerful pose as a gunman ordered him to give up the cash and the store's security videotape, Feras Yousif could think of only one thing to say that might save his life:

"I love you," he pleaded.

Then BAM!

The gun went off and Yousif, shot in the head, fell dead.

A Westland courtroom audience watching that videotaped scene Thursday afternoon gasped, shuddered and wept.

"That's my nephew," cried Ikram Bakko as she watched the tape.

The 11-minute video showing Michael Schofield shooting four men -- two fatally -- inside Neil's Party Store in Westland began precisely at 7:53:04 p.m. on Sept. 11.

With Schofield was 24-year-old **Leslie Gordon**. Both were dressed fashionably that day, their attire belying the bloody mess they left behind. In all, four men were killed and two injured.

"Cold, cold, very cold," was how 18th District Judge Gail McKnight described the tape.

After seeing the tape, and hearing from the two surviving victims and a police detective who took Gordon's 15-page handwritten confession, McKnight ordered Gordon to stand trial on 12 counts, including first-degree and felony murder. She is to be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court on Oct. 9.

Schofield killed himself about an hour after the massacre.

In the confession, Gordon told Westland Police Sgt. David Heater that she didn't know Schofield's real name. She called him "Dre Dog."

In the statement, Gordon wrote that the two of them had robbed another party store that morning, tying up the shop clerk with black plastic ties and taking cash and the store safe. Police said that robbery was at a store in Novi.

Gordon said she didn't know Schofield was going to shoot anybody when they went into Neil's Party Store, although she knew he had a gun. She said she was carrying the black plastic ties in a bag and she thought they were going to tie up the clerk there.

The video showed Schofield telling Gordon to lock the door after Yousif, 29, and another store employee, Conrad Hasper, 24, had been shot. Hasper's testimony Thursday was barely audible because the bullet shattered his jaw, nose and nasal passages and his face was wired and bandaged.

On the tape, Gordon kept watch through the locked front door. She told Schofield that a man was coming in. As Schofield hid in an aisle near the door, Gordon said "hello" and unlocked the door to let in customers Fuad Abuali, 29, and James Kuebler, 35.

A few steps inside the store, Schofield shot both men from behind -- Kuebler in the head and Abuali in the neck.

Gordon relocked the door and then paced the floor as Schofield searched behind the counter, the tape shows. On the tape, Gordon's high heels clicked on the floor as she stepped over Kuebler's twitching legs.

She was humming.

Gordon then looked out the door and told Schofield: "Two more coming."

Abuali, who survived, said later that Schofield then went outside, approached a red pickup and fatally shot Kenneth Littlefield, 63, and Keith Gaddis, 44, both of Westland, in the truck.

Gordon is shown leaving the store, then returning to wipe fingerprints off the door.

Abuali, who spent three days in a hospital, said he is still numb on his left side and has pain in his left shoulder.

As he lay bleeding on the floor, Abuali said he saw Kuebler -- his neighbor -- "in the center of a lake of blood.

"I hear his last breath, his last life breath," Abuali said.

Then, "I hear singing," Abuali said. "A female."

Police said that was Gordon, humming a tune as a man lay dying at her feet.

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Caption: Photo HUGH GRANNUM/Detroit Free Press

Ikram Bakko watches the videotape showing her nephew being shot in the head. The tape indicates he and three other men were killed by Michael Schofield, who then fled. After a police chase, Schofield killed himself. His alleged accomplice was the subject of Thursday's hearing. Suspect **Leslie Gordon** sits during her preliminary exam Thursday. She was ordered to stand trial on 12 charges, including murder. In a statement to police, she said she knew Schofield only as Dre Dog.

ABOVE LEFT: Conrad Hasper, one of two men injured in the store shootings, testifies Thursday in district court in Westland. He was shot in the jaw and nose.

ABOVE: Prosecutor Christine Kowal speaks during the preliminary examination as Marvin Barnett, attorney for the defendant, holds his head.

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