

SLAYING SUSPECT'S PSYCHIATRIC HISTORY IS RECOUNTED

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Wanda **Harrington** helped to get her husband **Paul** involuntarily committed to a psychiatric institution about two months before he killed her and their son, a psychologist testified Wednesday in Detroit.

She was also warned by the psychologist's staff to protect herself as her husband's condition deteriorated, the psychologist said.

Philip Lanzisera, a psychologist at Henry Ford Hospital who treated **Harrington** as an outpatient at the time of the killings and helped get **Harrington** hospitalized earlier, was one of two psychologists defense lawyer W. Frederick Moore called to show that **Paul Harrington** was legally insane when he shot to death Wanda, 47, and Brian, 3, a year ago in their Detroit home.

Harrington has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to first-degree-murder charges in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Lanzisera and Steven Miller, a forensic psychologist, said **Harrington**, 53, has been diagnosed with severe depression, psychosis and post-traumatic stress disorder originating from his Vietnam War experiences.

They said **Harrington** took four medications to ease his depression, psychosis and insomnia. **Harrington** told police after the shootings that he had run out of medication and had no money for more.

The psychologists also documented **Harrington**'s alcoholism and \$100-a-day, 13-year heroin habit. He had a relapse of heroin use in July 1999. Lanzisera said **Harrington** had described fantasies about killing his former coworkers at a Livonia steel plant, where he was fired in the spring of 1999.

Harrington was hospitalized in 1998 and in 1999.

Lanzisera also said **Harrington** and Wanda, his wife since 1982, both confirmed he had told Wanda about his first family, which he killed in an almost identical way in 1975. He said **Harrington** "was afraid that what happened before could happen again."

Harrington was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 1977 and served two months in a psychiatric hospital after his trial.

"By late June 1999, he was having thoughts of killing people at work and those thoughts frightened him," Lanzisera said. .

Wanda **Harrington** accompanied her husband once to Lanzisera's office. She also called Lanzisera when his symptoms became more severe in 1999. Lanzisera said his staff twice warned Wanda **Harrington** to protect herself.

By August, **Paul Harrington** reported hearing voices, and he told his wife to call police if he threatened anyone.

Lanzisera's office last had contact with **Harrington** Oct. 12, 1999, when he called for refills on his medication. The killings occurred three days later.

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