Confessed murderer of doctor wants death penalty

By SHIRLEE IDEN
Dr. Cynthia Miller is dead and Gordon Wingard, who confessed to her murder, wants to die as well.
Wingard. 29, was sentenced to life in prison on Tuesday by Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn.
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Wingard said in court that he wants to be extradited to Colorado so he can be tried for murder. Wingard, in con-fessing to the July, 1976 slaying of Dr.

Miller, a Detroit House of Corrections physician, said he also killed a young camper while he was at large last summer with his companion. 28-year-old Gail Marie Oliver.

Since Colorado has the death pen-alty. Wingard stipulated in his con-fession that he desires extradition so he can be tried and put to death. Wingard, Mrs. Oliver and Dr. Miller

Wingard has not only confessed to the murder of and tried in Colorado, which has the death penalty. Dr. Cynthia Miller, he also wants to be extradited (Staff photo)

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were all acquainted while they worked together in the infirmary of Jackson Prison in 1975. Wingard escaped, and several weeks later. Dr. Miller was shot to death on a Southfield highway and robbed of \$5,000.

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Police have speculated that the money was to be used for the release of another Jackson inmate. Larry Wells, who was linked romantically with Dr. Miller.

WELLS was the principal beneficiary of a handwritten will left by Dr. Miller. Her mother later filed it in Ann Arbor. where Dr. Miller had lived. Wells was left 81000 in Bethlehem hand accounts, and well salary from Dr. Miller's job and her 1973 Fist. Wingard and Mrs. Oliver were fugitives for a year before being arrested in July in Sacramento. Calf. The pair was nabbed after Mrs. Oliver was collared for shopliting. She then led authorities to Wingard. She has been held as a material winess; no charges have yet been filed against her.

Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson said Michigan authorities will decide whether to

authorities will decide whether to allow Wingard to be extradited. "No official request has been filed yet, but Colorado will do this, undoubt-edly, and I assume the extradition will be granted because of the severity of the crime."

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Patterson. a death penalty advocate, hopes to see the question of capital punishment on the Michigan ballot

AS FOR Wingard. Patterson said: "He is obviously seeking the death

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penalty but I don't know why. It seems to be the Gary Gilmore syndrome all over again I suppose death would be better than life in a Michigan prison." Gilmore was a convicted Utah mur-derer who received his wish of death before the firing squad earlier this year.

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Otis M. Underwood, Jr., Wingard's court-appointed attorney, said his client had little to say after the sentencing but had repeated his wish for extradition and death.

"As for the Cary Gilmore syndrome, that's a lot of hogwash." he said. "To my knowledge: Brooks Patterson has never met or spoken to Wingard and Wingard is no publicity seeker at all. He doesn't want to talk to anyone, just

"He obviously has some emotional "He obviously has some emotional difficulties." Underwood said "If I were in his spot facing life in prison. I don't know how I'd feel. I don't know in living like that is all that delicious to him. After all, he's been in prison before."

UNDERWOOD explained that Wingard has cooperated with the authorities since his apprehension. He also said that Wingard's story about the Dr. Miller killing indicates the first shot was an accident.

"That could be corroborated with a polygraph test (lie detector) if we thought it were necessary." he said.

Riegle lists military academy committee

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