Waters fined, put on probation

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OALIAND COUNTY—Clarkston's Robert C. Waters is not an ordinary criminal, nor was his crime an act of hate.

So argued his defense attorneys be fore Circuit Court Judge William Beer Monday morning as they pleaded for his part in his wife's death. Waters was placed on probation for 30 morning as they pleaded for his part in his wife's death. Waters was placed on probation for 30 morning as they pleaded for his part in his wife's death. Waters was placed on probation for 30 morning as much as the judge could have imposed using president, Waters has always been a respected member of his community, said one of his attorneys thenry Woolfenden.

Even Oakland County's "law and order" prosecution agreed that waters consecution agreed that waters was been sentenced up to 15 years in prison for such an of the consecution agreed that waters was always the water was always the water wate

water, 85, who wasted pattently for sendencing and stood silently before the judge, showed no emotion when Judge Beer amounced his decision. Asked later if he would care to make a statement. Waters smiled and said. "No. Thank you very much. at "WATERS—Will onever labeled what he did a crime but said only." I knew I was not following the law "helped his wife Kathheen take her life by car low more subject by the said only. I knew he had been the said only. I knew he had physical and mertal ailments and had contemplated suicide since 1971. Prior to assisting his wife. Waters described his repeated attempts to dissuade her and his contauded devotion for his wife of 40 years. "Rather than die the way she feared, a cripple maybe and mentally affected. I would rather let her make her own choice and die—if I may sayso—with dignity." Waters said in his statement to police. It was the highly unassual nature of the case that fed Prosecutor L. Brooks "Patterson to charge Waters with a lesser of lense The case may extain a lesser of lense The case may extain a lesser of lense The case may extain a lesser of lense the case that fed Prosecutor L. I stroke "Patterson to charge Waters with a lesser of lense The case may extain a lesser of lense the case that fed Prosecutor L. STORE BEEN congranulated Waters' attorneys or of exploiting the lense of the later was a lenser of the case that fed Prosecutor L. STORE BEEN congranulated Waters' attorneys or of exploiting the later has course by should follow in a case like this: "Judge Beer glonge Beer told Waters attorneys." It takes courage to tell a client what course he should follow tin a case like this: "Judge Beer glonger and recommendation from the country probation department that Waters be sentenced to six months in jail Waters' standing in his community and the likelihood that he wouldn't commit another crime were factors in tignoning the jail recommendation that wanted a tough prosecution refrained from making a statement prior to sentencing.

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Rabert C. Waters (left) and attempts.

Although he said he was very sympathetic to Waters' predicament. Dat teron said it are to the was very sympathetic to Waters' predicament. It is teron said in water to the publicity that has surrounded him the past several weeks to subside Encountreing photographers, a riel vision crew and a nessman as he and his head to water to the water waited for a slow-to-arrive elevator with his back turned to the cameras and his head bowed to the ground.

Apologyzan for not being more cooperative. Waters said in low tones i'm not amount to have people revog nize me in restaurants. One of his attorneys added "It seems to me you people should respect this man's right to privacy life's not a public exhibit. After one photographer expressed his disdain for doing assignments of this type, however. Waters said, 'you have your job to do.'

Sueff encounters with the media like the questioning by police and standing trial on a eriminal chargewere aspects. Waters had apparently braced himself for when he agreed to help his wife commit sucide. In his statement to police. Waters described his wife's concern for the consequences he might face after she was gone.

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"I can face that," he reported tell ing her "Don't you worry about it."

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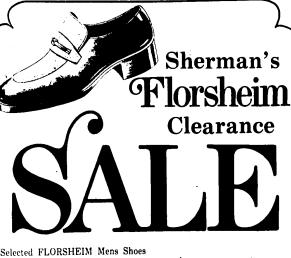
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