Victim's mother criticizes trial delay

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The mother of drowning victim Kristina Marie Fracchia, murdered last March, said Thursday the trial of the man accused of murdering her daughter has been delayed far too long.

"I don't like it," said Sandy Fracchia, flanked by other family members and her daughter's former classmates at a pretrial hearing for Anthony Bonelli, who could face life in prison if convicted of murder.

"I was hoping this would have been over and done with by this time," Fracchia said, the same day Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Alice Gilbert set Bonelli's trial for the week of March 5.

"I would like to get this behind me," Fracchia said. "You have no idea of the anxiety of not knowing what's going to happen."

In the latest delay, Gilbert agreed Thursday to grant a request from defense attorney Howard Wittenberg that the defense be allowed 60 days to have a psychiatrist examine Bonelli.

Wittenberg made the request after an earlier psychiatric evaluation, conducted at the state Forensic Center, found that Bonelli was not insane at the time of the Fracchia murder and that he was competent to stand trial. That report was completed earlier this month.

Wittenberg asked that the defense be permitted to choose its own psychiatrist for a second examination. He has said the defense will try to prove that Bonelli, 17 at the time, was insane when Fracchia, also 17, was drowned in Orchard Lake. Fracchia's body was found March 17 by Oakland County Drain Commission workers.

Bonelli, who was attending the Farmington Training Center for emotionally impaired students prior to Fracchia's murder, appeared in court Thursday, but stated nothing except his name.

Bonelli's mother and an uncle also were in the courtroom, but they said through Wittenberg that they did not want to comment on the case.

Several members of the Fracchia family and a dozen or so of her classmates sat in the second and third rows in circuit court.

Fracchia's maternal grandmother, Tina Hefmanski, said she believed the case points out the need to reinstate the death penalty in Michigan.

"I'd vote for it," she said. "The parents of murdered children would go for it."

Hefmanski said she hopes that Bonelli is convicted and that he at least receives life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"I feel sorry for his parents, but not for him," Hefmanski said.

She said she and other family members came to court Thursday to show support for her daughter, Sandy Fracchia.

"We're here for her," Hefmanski said. "She needs all the help she can get."

Former classmates of Kristina Marie Fracchia said they, too, came to court to support Sandy Fracchia.

"We just want this to be over, and we want him (Bonelli) to get what he has coming to him," said Ann Tomelein, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington.

Fracchia's friends said that, even though the case is nine months old, it still draws a lot of attention among those who knew Fracchia, a former glee club member.

"People always talk about it," said Mercy senior Andrea Sorge.

Anthony Bonelli

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