Dr. Kevorkian eats little, expects to fast again

STAFF WHITES

Now that he's out of jail and off of his self-imposed fast, don't expect Jack Keverkian to plg out, according to the West Bloomfield lawyers defending the physician and his crusade to legalisted suicide.

That's because eating heavily now you'd make it more difficult for Keverkian the physician is jailed on a charge rolated to the Oct. 22 death of an Ann Arbot woman.

The first days of his fest in the Wayne County Jail were the most difficult, Keverkien said Monday at a press conference called within hours of his release. He experienced head-aches and some lightheadedness, he said.

It was never easy — especially when tempted with oatmeal cookies — but the first 48 hours or so were the most difficult, he said.

"He won't want to go through that again," said Michael Schwartz, who, with Geoffrey Figer, is defending the

physician sometimes called "Doctor Death." "So I don't expect him start cating normally."
Fieger and Schwartz said their personal eating habits were affected by their client's fast.
When Kevorkian was jailed Friday—and started his hunger strike—his two lawyers said they were moved. They believe in his cause, but they also believe his going to jail and fasting were heroic.
"I thought about fasting," Fieger said. "But I decided against it. I want-

ed to be at full strength, so I could give the best possible defense."

Schwartz said he was outraged by the decision of Wayne County Recorder's Court Judge Thomas Jackson, who revoked Kevorkin's personal bond and jailed him for being involved in the suicide of a Redford Township men. That is one of 19 deaths at which Kevorklan has been present.

I was incensed," said Schwartz. "So I started a modified fast of my own."

own." Schwartz acknowledged, however,

that his weight had something to do with his decision. "I was up to 215," said the 5-foot-11 attorney. "My doctors wanted me to lose some weight anyway."

When Kevorkian got out of jail, he and Schwartz eased their self-imposed dietary restrictions.

Kevorkian had a piece of apple pie and coffee. Schwartz ate a normal meal for the first time in nearly three days.

But neither will likely resume normal eating habits, said the attorney.

Pathologist swears off assisted suicides, for time being

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER

The physician sometimes called "Doctor Death" doesn't plan to be present at any more suicides, at least not in the near future. He hasn't change his mind about assisted suicide, dack Kevorkian said Monday at a press conference held within hours of his being released from the Wayne County Jeil. He still thinks assisted suicide is a legitimate medical service physicians should consider performing.

Nor did three days in jail — and a hunger strike — weaken his resolve against a legal system that he insists imposes religious degma as secular law.

Kevorkian said he won't be present at any suicides in the immediate future because he deesn't have any patients waiting to end their lives.

Besides, "It would look extremely reckless," a

gaunt and haggard Kevorkian told dozens of media representatives crowded into the Southfield offices of lawyers Geoffrey N. Fieger and Michael A. Schwartz.

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A. Schwartz.
Fieger and Schwartz both advised Kevorkian
against getting too accustomed to freedom. They
said they expect their client to be jailed again—
possibly late this week or early next week— if
Onkland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson
decides to charge Kevorkian in the death of Merian Frederick, 72, of Ann Arbor, who died in his
apartment on Oct. 22.
Larry Bunting, chief of legal operations for the
prosecutor's office, Tuesday declined to speculate
on whether charges are forthcoming, "We haven't
received the full report from the Royal Odk police.
We couldn't objectively evaluate the case if we
had any opinions beforehand."
Fieger said he has no doubts, however, "We
know what he (Thompson) is going to do. He'll

prosecute just as he has before."

When that happens, Fieger said, his client will likely be jailed and resume his fast.

On at least one previous occasion, the flamboyant attorney said julling Kevorkian would cause the physician's death as well as Thompson's. Kevorkian would starve himself to death, Fieger predicted, and Thompson's political career would end when voters reject his stance.

Kevorkian's jail time and fast were ended, at least temporarily, Monday when a Mecomb County lawyer, John A. DeMoss, put up the \$2,000 the physician refused to post.

Kevorkian went limp and had to be carried to jail Friday.

At different times, DeMoss said he posted bail to save tox dollars and to prevent the physician's death by starvation. But he also told the media he believes the end result of assisted audicide is "inherently evil" and that he was tired of what he

termed the "circus" of Kevorkian's incarceration and fast.

With 10 percent of the \$20,000 bond posted. Kevorkian was literally expelled from Jail — eliminating any further groundswell of sympathy as well as the possibility of jailhouse interviews on national television.

Figger said he'd rather DeMoss hadn't posted the bond because the Sterling Heights lawyer is not with Kevorkian philosophically. DeMoss is an honorable and compassionate individual, but it is an the word compassionate individual, but it's on the word compassionate individual, but it's an the word compassionate individual, but it's an the word compassionate individual, but it's an the word compassionate individual, but he's on the word compassionate suicide suicide is seen filter and the suicide will ret in hell. But I don't like a society that not only promotes suicide, but makes it seem attractive.

And if Kevorkian goes to jail again," I't il have to get somebody else to go his bail," said DeMoss.

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