

Former Plastic Surgeon Challenges Evidence In Murder Trial

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Christ Koulis appeared in court Monday in the high-profile murder case of his girlfriend. The former plastic surgeon went before a judge with a surprising request.

Koulis and his attorneys challenged key evidence in the case, specifically some graphic homemade videos of Koulis and his girlfriend having sex.



Koulis was charged with giving his girlfriend, Lesa Buchanan, 35, a fatal drug overdose nearly two years ago.

He and his attorneys argued much of the evidence against him should be thrown out.

Attorney David Raybin made public, for the first time, the investigative summary from lead detective Eric Anderson. It documents, in graphic detail, contents of video tapes taken from Lisa Buchanan's apartment. Koulis videotaped the couple having sex.

One excerpt from the summary raises questions about the use of drugs:

"The video begins with Buchanan on the air mattress nude. She has red bloodshot eyes... She is moving very slowly and appears lethargic... She's holding what appears to be a gauze pad or Kleenex over her right side groin/femoral area with her right hand... Koulis places his hand on Buchanan's throat. It appears that Koulis is attempting to find a pulse point. During a close up of her entire body, the needle sticks/injection sites can be seen on the left and right side of Buchanan's groin area."

The prosecution might show the video to a jury. Raybin doesn't think it should happen.

"The police...seized these video tapes and looked at them before the warrant was ever obtained," Raybin said. Raybin also disputed the

handwritten list from Buchanan on the pros and cons of her relationship with Koulis. One entry on the list said "You bought drugs," but it was unknown if Buchanan considered that a pro or a con.

Prosecutors said the list is an indication Koulis, a doctor, provided her with drugs.

Defense attorneys said it doesn't prove he killed her, and shouldn't be allowed at trial.

If the defense can convince Judge Jeff Bivins to suppress the key piece of evidence for the prosecution, it's possible the entire case against Koulis could be dismissed.

Monday's motion was the defense's first step toward that. Judge Bivins took their arguments under advisement to consider.

The murder trial, originally scheduled for April, was continued until September.