

Eyewitness testifies in double murder case

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MARINETTE—One of two witnesses who saw a man walking from a double murder crime scene testified Wednesday in Marinette County Circuit Court. The other witness was served a subpoena in Idaho by order of Branch 2 Judge Jim Morrison.

The double murder trial for Raymond Vannieuwenhoven has had two solid days of testimony—Tuesday and Wednesday—as the state continues through its witness list. They include childhood friends of both victims, a person who was camping near the crime scene with his family and a handful of current and former law enforcement personnel and investigators.

Vannieuwenhoven, 84, Lakewood, is accused in the 1976 murders of a Green Bay couple who was camping at McClintock Park in the Town of Silver Cliff. David Schuldes, 25, and Ellen Matheys, 24, were shot and killed at the campground. They were engaged.

Matheys was sexually assaulted, but that charge has been dismissed



Marinette County District Attorney DeShea Morrow, left, asks witness Patrick Fields, right, to point out locations on a map of the McClintock Park area Tuesday in Marinette County Circuit Court. Fields was 11 years old in 1976 and was with his family near the McClintock Park campground when a double murder took place. Bailiff Joe Griffins is helping to hold the map.

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because the statute of limitations has elapsed. There is no statute of limitations for the two first-degree homicide charges against Vannieuwenhoven.

During Monday's opening statements, both the state and the defense mentioned a pair of eyewitnesses—Robert Swanson and Kim Huempfner—who

were walking at the McClintock Park recreational area (near the camping ground) July 9, 1976, when they heard a gunshot between 2 and 2:30 p.m. The men

got in their car and while driving south on Parkway Road, they saw a man walking down the road carrying a rifle in his left hand, according to the state.

Swanson, who lived in Goodman in 1976, took the witness stand Wednesday. He said he and his friend Huempfner, of Pembine at the time, decided to take a drive on a beautiful July day.

The witness said they visited Goodman Park and then the McClintock Park recreational area. They were at the recreational area when they heard a gunshot, he said.

Special Prosecutor Mark Williams asked Swanson, a hunter, if he could recognize the gunshot.

"It did not sound like a shotgun," he said. "It sounded more like a .22 (caliber) or some kind of rifle."

Swanson testified he and his friend, who was driving, got in their car and headed south on Parkway Road, toward the McClintock Park campground.

"Then something happened," Williams said. "What did you see?"

"Just past the campground I saw a man on the right walking with a rifle," Swanson said. He said the man was "taller" with "longer" dark hair and was wearing a white or off-white shirt.

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Protest draws people from across US, Canada



Protesters against the Back Forty Mine gather near downtown Menominee.

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MARINETTE—The water celebration and protest against the Back Forty Mine Friday drew people from myriad social justice organizations and indigenous tribes hailing from places as far as New Mexico, Utah, the Dakotas and

British Columbia.

The event featured speakers from the Menominee Nation, the Indigenous Caucus of the Western Mining Action Network (WMAN) and the Coalition to SAVE the Menominee River with a keynote speech by retired University of Wisconsin-La Crosse professor Dr. Al Gedicks.

Individuals from outside these organizations

also attended the event to learn about the Back Forty Mine and its potential impacts on the local community.

Illinois resident Jennifer Martinez drove to Marinette to join the celebration and protest. She said she first learned about the issue during a bike ride when she saw a Coalition

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Milwaukee Bucks' Brook Lopez hugs the NBA Championship trophy during a parade celebrating the Milwaukee Bucks' NBA Championship basketball team Thursday in Milwaukee. See the Sports section for more coverage.

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Marinette approves Tyco site access agreement

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MARINETTE—The Marinette City Council approved Wednesday the

site access agreement giving permission for the Tyco Fire Products establishment on Industrial Parkway to utilize city property for construction of the new Groundwater Extraction &

Treatment System (GETS). The Plan Commission also later approved the site plan application for the building that will house the system.

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