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Senate Bill 663

Relating to: requiring bittering agents in certain engine coolants and antifreeze and providing a penalty.

By Senators Plale, Miller, Risser, Carpenter, Lassa and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Sinicki, Benedict, Berceau, Fields, Mason, Milroy, Pope-Roberts and Zepnick.

April 05, 2010 Referred to Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection.

April 14, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin, Hopper and Lazich.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Aaron Zitzelberger, Madison
- Alyson Bodai, Madison — The Humane Society of the US

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 21, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin, Hopper and Lazich.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Holperin, seconded by Senator Hopper that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin, Hopper and Lazich.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Holperin, seconded by Senator Hopper that **Senate Bill 663** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Wirch, Plale, Holperin, Hopper and Lazich.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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Arrest Made In 1998 Poisoning Death

Mark Jensen Charged With First-Degree Homicide

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PLEASANT PRAIRIE, Wis. -- A nearly four-year investigation into the death of a Pleasant Prairie, Wis., woman has ended with the arrest of her husband.



Police arrested the 42-year-old stockbroker Wednesday morning at his Kenosha home. He was charged Wednesday afternoon with first-degree intentional homicide.

Friends and neighbors described Julie Jensen as a stay-at-home mom devoted to family, but according to a criminal complaint, she told friends her marriage to Mark Jensen was in trouble, and she was worried he'd poison her.

Toxicology reports that could prove Julie Jensen was poisoned finally all came together earlier this week.



"It was information we needed from the city crime lab. It was information we needed from pathologists. It was information we needed from the toxicologists. All of this information has filtered into our office the past several months, and it all came together earlier this week," Kenosha County District Attorney Robert Jambois said.

Police said Mark Jensen poisoned his wife with a chemical commonly used in antifreeze.

According to the criminal complaint, Julie Jensen was worried her husband would hurt her and reportedly told several friends.

Defense attorneys said this case is based strictly on circumstantial evidence.

Cash bail has been set for Jensen at \$500,000.

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Man smothered wife, jury is told

Medical examiner found woman died from poison

By JEFF JENSEN and [Tom Kertscher](#) of the Journal Sentinel

Posted: Jan. 8, 2008

A trial more than nine years in the making - which had been based on whether a man poisoned his wife with antifreeze or whether she killed herself by drinking the liquid - took an unexpected turn on its first day when a prosecutor said the woman was killed by being smothered with a pillow after being poisoned.

The new allegation was immediately attacked as having come from an oft-convicted criminal looking for a way out of jail.

Which theory is ultimately believed may not be known for eight weeks, which is how long lawyers in the case say the trial could last.

The body of 40-year-old Julie Jensen was found Dec. 3, 1998, in the home she shared with Mark Jensen and their two sons. The investigation would not produce charges against Mark Jensen for more than three years.

Because of pretrial publicity, the trial was moved from Kenosha County to Walworth County, where a jury heard opening statements from attorneys and testimony from one witness, whose testimony is scheduled to resume this morning.

About an hour of testimony time was lost late Monday afternoon when a tornado warning forced all occupants of the Walworth County Justice Center into the facility's basement.

Robert Jambois, the former Kenosha County district attorney who has remained lead prosecutor on the case, told the jury of Walworth County residents that Mark Jensen, 48, plotted to kill Julie Jensen so that he could be with his then-lover and current wife, Kelly Jensen. Investigators determined that Mark Jensen was the primary user of his home computer, and that he used it to research potential methods of killing Julie.

With regard to Internet searches performed on the computer in the weeks leading up to her death, "the word that comes up more often than any other word is 'poisoning,'" Jambois said.

Jambois also related a relatively new element in the case - an allegation from a convicted criminal who

was housed in jail with Mark Jensen after Jensen was charged with his wife's murder. That inmate, according to Jambois, will testify that Mark Jensen told him he sat on his wife and suffocated her with a pillow in their bed after she did not die as quickly as he had hoped from the antifreeze poisoning.

That claim was immediately attacked by Jensen's lawyer, Craig Albee of Milwaukee, saying the inmate made the statements in exchange for less incarceration time.

Albee spent most of his time, however, telling the jury that Julie Jensen killed herself because she was depressed. He said the evidence will show that she had a history of depression and was treated for another bout of it in the days before her death.

As for Julie Jensen's statements in the weeks before her death that she was afraid Mark Jensen would kill her, Albee said that she had planned to kill herself and make it appear as though her husband killed her. Her anger over her husband's affair, and her "delusional thinking, caused her to point her finger at Mark," Albee said.

The proceedings were delayed about an hour during a break in the testimony of forensic pathologist Michael Chambliss, the first and only witness to take the stand Monday. He performed the autopsy on Julie Jensen and is scheduled to resume his testimony today.

Chambliss testified that the relatively low amount of ethylene glycol - the main ingredient in antifreeze - in Julie Jensen was more consistent with a homicide than a suicide. A person trying to commit suicide would ingest a larger amount, he said.

Chambliss also said he believes, based on the allegations of the jail inmate, that Julie Jensen likely was smothered after ingesting antifreeze, and that the smothering ultimately killed her. However, he acknowledged that he did not determine a cause or manner of death after the autopsy, and that the Kenosha County medical examiner determined that Julie Jensen was killed by being poisoned with antifreeze.



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