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COPPOLINO LEAD

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NAPLES, FLA., APRIL 19 (AP)¹⁹⁶⁷-A WOMAN WHO CLAIMS SHE WAS ONCE DR. CARL COPPOLINO'S MISTRESS TESTIFIED TODAY INOPHOLIN

NAPLES, FLA., APRIL 19 (AP)-A WOMAN WHO CLAIMS SHE WAS ONCE DR. CARL COPPOLINO'S MISTRESS TESTIFIED TODAY IN COPPOLINO'S MURDER TRIAL THAT HE SAID HE NO LONGER LOVED HIS WIFE TWO WEEKS BEFORE HER DEATH.

MARJORIE FARBER TOLD THE ALL-MALE JURY SHE AND THE 34-YEAR-OLD COPPOLINO WERE LOVERS IN UNFOLDING A STORY OF THE RELATIONSHIP SHE SAID DATED BACK TO 1962.

COPPOLINO IS ON TRIAL FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER IN THE DEATH OF CARMELA COPPOLINO ON AUG. 28, 1965. THE STATE SAYS HE USED HIS TRAINING AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST TO INJECT HER WITH THE PARALYZING DRUG SUCCINYLCHOLINE.

AS MRS. FARBER TESTIFIED, DEFENSE ATTORNEY F. LEE BAILEY MOVED FIVE TIMES FOR A MISTRIAL. HE SAID THE AFFAIR WAS NOT RELEVANT.

"I SEE NO REASON TO MAKE THIS TRIAL A FORUM OR PARADE OF SORDID, SORRY EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIRS. WE SHOULD NOT PURSUE THIS," BAILEY SAID.

ON THE MORNING OF CARMELA'S DEATH, MRS. FARBER TESTIFIED, SHE OVERHEARD COPPOLINO SAY IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, "THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED THE ARTERIAL WORK--THAT WON'T SHOW ANYTHING."

MRS. FARBER SAID SHE ASKED COPPOLINO TO EXPLAIN THAT AND HE SAID IT MEANT THERE WOULD BE NO AUTOPSY, SHE TESTIFIED. SHE DID NOT ELABORATE.

ACCUSERS OF COPPOLINO EARLIER REACHED BACK THREE YEARS BEFORE CARMELA'S DEATH TO EVENTS THEY SAID WOULD ESTABLISH A MOTIVE FOR HIS MURDERING HER.

"WE SAY IT WAS MURDER FOR FINANCIAL GAIN--TO COLLECT \$65,000 LIFE INSURANCE ON HIS WIFE AND MARRY A WOMAN OF MEANS," SAID PROSECUTOR FRANK SCHAUB YESTERDAY.

"WE MUST SHOW HIS FINANCIAL POSITION AND THE FACT THAT HIS EARNING CAPACITY WAS IMPAIRED WHEN HE WAS NOT REAPPOINTED TO THE HOSPITAL STAFF."

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