

STORE TAPE REVISITS HORROR OF DEADLY NIGHT IN WESTLAND - FAMILIES SOB MAN SHOT IN THE FACE TESTIFIES

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They gasped and sobbed in the courtroom Tuesday, as they heard the voices or watched the surveillance tape of their loved ones being injured or killed at a Westland party store.

Some family members jumped at the sound of the gun's blast in last September's shootings; others were overcome with grief and were forced to leave Wayne County Circuit Court, escorted by court officers.

"BAM!" Conrad Hasper, 25, a store employee, is shot first in the face.

Almost immediately, another employee, Feras Yousif, 29, of Oak Park clasps his hands and begs for his life, telling his killer, "I love you."

The response: "BAM!" -- a fatal bullet to the head.

Then as quickly as they walk in the door of Neil's Party Store, Fuad Abuali, 29, and James Kuebler, 35, both of Westland, are shot from behind, the first man in the neck, the second in the head.

"BAM! BAM!"

The shooter is alerted that a car has pulled into the store's parking lot on Newburgh Road. Inside a red pickup truck sits Kenneth Littlefield, 63, of Canton and Keith Gaddis, 44, of Detroit. The shooter disappears outside.

"BAM! BAM!"

The triggerman in the Sept. 11 massacre, Michael Schofield, later killed himself, after leading police on a high-speed chase along I-275, I-696 and the Southfield Freeway. **Leslie Gordon**, 24, his companion, now faces life in prison with no chance of parole if she is convicted in the Detroit courtroom. She is charged with four counts of felony murder, two counts of assault with intent to murder and two counts with assault and intent to rob while armed.

During the first day of testimony Tuesday, Hasper, who survived the shooting along with Abuali, told the jury that after he was shot, he screamed and cried.

Then, on the ground, he prayed. When asked for what, he said: "For God to not let me die, and if I did, for him to watch over my family."

The bullet shattered Hasper's cheekbones, upper jaw and nose. Hasper, who now lives in the Ypsilanti area, said he didn't even know he was shot initially, but "everything turned black for a second, and then I felt the side of my face and saw blood."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Christine Kowal said Gordon's role in the attempted robbery was to serve as the lookout.

The surveillance tape shows Gordon peeping out the door and informing Schofield of arrivals. At other times, she walked around the store -- and the bodies -- as Schofield tried to open the cash registers. She hummed.

"Michael Schofield and **Leslie Gordon** were in the store about 3 1/2 minutes," Kowal said. "The lives of six men and six families were destroyed -- the carnage in 3 1/2 minutes. Oh, by the way, they didn't get any money. Michael Schofield could not get any of the registers open."

Marvin Barnett, Gordon's defense attorney, said another person -- Gordon -- was victimized by Schofield that day. He said Gordon was forced to assist Schofield because he threatened her with a gun.

"This woman was captive of this man -- a victim herself," Barnett said. "She was afraid of this man."

The trial continues today in Judge Annette Berry's courtroom. Testimony is expected to take about two weeks.

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