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by Boomer Cardinale

Channelview housewife pleads innocent to hiring hitman

HOUSTON (AP) — A suburban housewife police describe as "the ultimate stage mother" pleaded innocent Thursday to a charge she tried to hire a hitman to kill the mother of a girl competing with her teenage daughter to be a cheerleader.

Wanda Webb Holloway, 37, of Channelview, is scheduled to go on trial June 10 on a charge of solicitation of capital murder, said her lawyer, Troy McKinney. Despite the upcoming trial, a barrage of interview requests from international media and a pending child custody hearing sought by Mrs. Holloway's ex-husband, McKinney said the Holloways' family life is "pretty much returned to normal."

"You'd be surprised at how normal her life is," he said, describing Mrs. Holloway as a homemaker who does some volunteer work. He said the lives of Mrs. Holloway's children, Shanna, 13, and Anthony, 17, also "are pretty normal. They've gotten a great deal of support from family, friends, school and church."

Police claim Mrs. Holloway is the "ultimate stage mother," so intent on having Shanna win a spot on the cheerleading squad she tried to hire a gunman to kill Verna Heath because she believed Mrs. Heath's daughter, Amber, would be so distraught over the death she would drop out of the competition. Mrs. Holloway, 37, who was arrested Feb. 1 and indicted Feb. 19, is free on a \$10,000 bond. She could face five years to life in prison if convicted of the crime.

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"Few remained unmoved as we watched our intrepid young men and women prepare for the unknown terrors of a possibly lengthy desert war," the resolution unanimously adopted Thursday said.

"Leaving behind families and homes, these gallant warriors were ready to sacrifice their lives to defend the principles of freedom and democracy ... Electing to serve their country, these young men and women have proven themselves patriots of the highest order," it said.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Gene Green, D-Houston, was adopted about 12 hours after allied forces of Operation Desert Storm ceased firing against the shattered Iraqi army that was driven from Kuwait.

"Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1991, will long be remembered as the day Americans learned they had successfully thwarted the evil designs of a foreign dictator and helped free subjugated people," the resolution said.

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