

# O.J.'s accuser: 'There's a killer in this courtroom'

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Pointing his finger at an unflinching O.J. Simpson, a lawyer angrily mocked the football star's explanations and told jurors Tuesday: "There's a killer in this courtroom."

"That's the man who attacked them, confronted them and who killed them," attorney Daniel Petrocelli said in closing arguments in the wrongful-death case against Simpson.

Again and again, Petrocelli raised images of blood, fiber and hair, a hat, gloves and shoes that he said were indisputable proof that Simpson killed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994.

"Did Mr. Simpson explain why his blood and DNA were found next to the victims?" Petrocelli asked. "Did he explain why his glove was found ... why his knit cap was at the scene. Did he explain any of that? Not one word."

Petrocelli made it clear that his most prized new evidence — which he believes will turn the case around — is a collection of photos showing Simpson wearing the same kind of Bruno Magli shoes the killer wore.

He said Simpson was quick to talk about football, his Heisman trophy and golf, "but no Bruno Magli shoes. ... Can you imagine? O.J. Simpson didn't say a word about it."

As Petrocelli showed jurors bloody pictures of the victims, he declared: "These pieces of evidence are the voices of Ron and Nicole speaking to us from their graves, telling us, telling all of you, that there's a killer in this courtroom."

Simpson's attorneys were to give their closing arguments after Petrocelli finished up Wednesday, and the case could be in the hands of the jury Thursday. The victims' families are seeking millions in damages from Simpson.

Behind Simpson sat his sister, Shirley Baker, and a niece. Across the courtroom, the families of Ms. Simpson and Goldman wept quietly as pictures of the victims' bloody bodies were again projected on a large screen.

Petrocelli spoke of the victims clawing at their killer and leaving fingernail marks, forcing the killer to drop telltale evidence along the way. And he said that while Ms. Simpson was killed "up close and personal" by a man in a rage, Goldman was slain to silence him about what he saw.

"Had Ron lived, ladies and gentlemen, he would have been on this witness stand," Petro-

celli said, tapping on the witness stand. "And he would have told us what he saw."

The lawyer retraced Simpson's movements the night of the slayings, using telephone records and testimony, and he dismissed Simpson's claim that he was at home at the time.

"O.J. Simpson does not have an alibi between 10 and 10:45," Petrocelli said. "But all the evidence in the case tells us he was not there. He was lying. ... He got caught."

Petrocelli, a man with carefully groomed graying hair, paced in front of the jury box more somber even than Simpson, who sat across the room scribbling notes and sometimes shaking his head in disagreement.

As the day wore on, Petrocelli's attacks became more personal. "If it isn't Mr. Simpson, who is it?" he asked.

He ridiculed Simpson's explanation of the infamous Bronco run as a race to commit suicide and picked apart the note he left behind.

"What kind of a suicide note is that? There's not one word of sorrow in that note expressed for Nicole. Who signs a suicide note with a happy face? Have you seen that note — O.J. with a smiling 'O'?"

Simpson, who chose not to take the stand at the criminal trial that ended in his acquittal, testified for four days during the civil trial.

In a rapid-fire barrage, Petrocelli launched into a sneering attack on Simpson's testimony and his character.

"What kind of man takes a baseball bat to his wife's car right in front of her and says she was not upset even though she called police for help?"

"What kind of man kicks in a door and says it was just a reflex?"

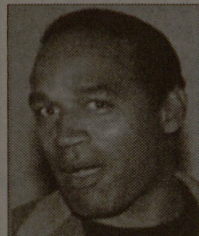
"What kind of man says his wife was lying on that tape when she says she was afraid and he was going — in her words — to beat the s— out of her?"

"What kind of man says cheating on your wife isn't a lie?"

"What kind of man when shown 30 photographs of him wearing Bruno Magli shoes says, 'That's me ... that's my head ... that's my pants ... no, not my shoes?'"

"What kind of man says that with a straight face?"

Petrocelli answered his own questions: "A guilty man. ... A man with no remorse. A man with no conscience. This man is so obsessed with trying to salvage his image ... that he'll come into this court and will smear the name and reputation of the mother of his children while she rests in her grave. This man has lied and lied and lied."



Simpson

# Expert gives knife testimony in Routier trial

KERRVILLE (AP) — The bloody knife found in Darlie Routier's home could have made one of the wounds to her son's chest, an expert testified Tuesday, while another witness said she didn't find the boy's blood on the weapon.

Robert A. Poole with the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences said markings to the lower wound in Devon Routier's chest could have been made by the so-called murder weapon. He could not make the same conclusion in the upper incision.

"My conclusion was that the characteristics of the damage on the cartilage were microscopically similar to test stabs with the knife," he said of the lower wound.

Routier, 27, is charged with capital murder in the June 6 fatal stabbings of her sons, 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon. Prosecutors say she also slashed herself and staged a crime scene to fool investigators.

She is first being tried in the death of Damon and could later be tried in Devon's death. The trial was moved to Kerrville because of widespread notoriety the case has received in North Texas.

Routier says an intruder dressed in dark clothing and a baseball cap attacked her and the boys before fleeing through the garage of their Rowlett home.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney Doug Mulder, Poole acknowledged he could not determine whether the bloody knife actually cut Devon, only that he was attacked with a knife having similar characteristics.

Another prosecution witness offered potentially conflicting testimony.

Judith Floyd, the forensic lab supervisor at GeneScreen Inc. of Dallas, a DNA testing lab, said she studied four stains taken from the knife. Two matched Routier, one matched Damon and one was a combination of Damon and Routier.

When pressed by defense attorney Richard Mosty about whether that meant that the knife wasn't used to kill Devon, she replied: "It's just consistent with his blood not being on the four places that were removed for my testing."

Poole also testified that the knives found in a neighbor's back yard "did not make at least one of the cuts" in Devon's chest.

Rowlett police Sgt. Thomas Ward testified earlier that he spotted two muddy knives in a yard across the alley from the sock. But he said he thought the knives had been used only for gardening.

# PAN-HELLENIC

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"Our fraternity is built on brotherhood," Gardner said. "We feel we can better display that by having less members."

Brewer said the Pan-Hellenic organizations are small because their founders believed as long as they were productive and worked as a team, the organization's size was irrelevant.

"They don't strive on numbers because of the quality that their founders set forth," Brewer said.

He said most of the black Greek memberships started with small classes ranging from three to 12 members.

# COSBY

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Meanwhile, the man police had hoped might help them solve the murder case was released after being questioned for eight hours. He had been surrounded by officers in a parking lot in suburban Torrance Monday afternoon because his car was similar to a blue hatchback seen by a security guard near the crime scene.

The man, who was not identified by police, was "candid and cooperative," McBride said. He told police he had gone to the hilltop Mulholland Drive area to look at the city's lights.

Cosby's 27-year-old son had pulled off Interstate 405 near Mulholland Drive to change a flat tire early Thursday when he was shot to death. Police believe robbery was the motive.

A \$12,500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the killer was approved Tuesday by the Los Angeles

County Board of Supervisors. The National Enquirer and Globe tabloids earlier posted a total of \$300,000 in rewards.

Across the country, the woman allegedly claiming to be the illegitimate daughter of Bill Cosby was ordered held without bail in New York. Jackson, 22, of Los Angeles, and Jose Medina, 51, of Bethesda, Ohio, were arrested Saturday in the New York office of a Cosby lawyer, where they allegedly went to discuss a payoff.

A federal complaint said the Cosby family had given Ms. Jackson money for education for several years, as the family has done for numerous other young people in need of tuition assistance.

Earlier this month, the complaint says, Jackson sent a facsimile note demanding money. She warned that if Cosby did not send money, she would tell her story to the press, the complaint says.

On Thursday, the day Ennis Cos-

by was slain, Jackson allegedly sent a fax to Bill Cosby's representative saying it was "urgent that you contact me to make certain arrangements," the complaint says. "I need monies and I need monies now."

CBS said it also received a fax on Thursday. The network said that one stated that Cosby's show one of the network's best properties and disclosure that Ms. Jackson was the entertainer's illegitimate daughter would undoubtedly affect its ratings.

Medina's lawyer, Neil Checkman, said his client says he is a screenwriter and denies the charges. "I don't believe he necessarily knew that anything was going on," Checkman said.

Jackson's lawyer, Robert Baulm, could not be reached for comment after business hours Tuesday. A call to the Legal Aid Society office where he works was not immediately returned.

"Bill Cosby is quite content to let jurisprudence take its course," Cos-

by publicist David Brokaw said of the New York developments.

The publicist said he talked Tuesday with Cosby, who is at his estate in Massachusetts.

"He's obviously grieving and I know that it's going to take a long time for the family to recover from this. But at the same time, every instance I've spoken to him, he has his usual remarkable composure and his focus and his brilliant thinking, as well as his sense of humor," Brokaw said.

Cosby will return to work on his show on Monday, CBS spokesman Michael Silver said.

The show aired as scheduled Monday night and drew the fourth-highest rating of the season, the network said.

CBS opened and closed Monday night's episode with a tribute to Ennis Cosby. At the end, a picture of Bill Cosby's son flashed on the screen with the message, "my hero, my son."

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