

Teen to plead guilty to murder

Maryland suspect fled to Israel to escape, agrees to face charges

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — An American teenager who angered U.S. lawmakers when he fled to Israel after Maryland authorities linked him to a dismemberment murder has agreed to plead guilty next week in a Tel Aviv court.

Nearly two years after he left this Washington D.C. suburb and launched an international extradition battle, Samuel Sheinbein will accept a 24-year jail sentence to be recommended by his attorneys and Israeli prosecutors.

He is scheduled to enter his plea on Sept. 2.

He pleaded innocent in the case last month.

The 19-year-old Sheinbein, who claims Israeli citizenship through his father, will serve his sentence in Israel.

Sheinbein could be paroled after 16 years or after serving two-thirds of his sentence, under terms of the plea agreement announced yesterday by Maryland State's Attorney Douglas Gansler. He also could leave prison on weekend furloughs in four years.

Gansler, who said his prosecutors were not consulted before the agreement was reached, said he was pleased about the conviction but "the bottom line remains unacceptable."

"It is our view it is an insult to justice, and Mr. Sheinbein will be free to walk the streets of Israel under the most likely scenario when he is 33 years of age," said Gansler, who learned about the plea agreement only Monday night in a fax sent by Israeli authorities.

"It should have been our case," he said. "Mr. Sheinbein should have been returned here, and we would have asked that they consult us before entering into this plea agreement."

The State Department was not told about the agreement either, department spokesman James Foley said.

"We stated we would have preferred

to see this trial take place in the United States.

"But since it was the view of the Israeli courts that it should take place there, we wanted to see justice done," Foley said.

Ido Baum, spokesperson for Israel's Justice Ministry, confirmed the agreement but said he requested the Americans withhold disclosure until Sheinbein entered his plea in court.

Eitan Maoz, an attorney for Sheinbein, refused to comment other than to say any developments in the case would be heard at the court appearance next week.

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— Douglas Gansler
Maryland State Attorney

Sheinbein fled to Israel after he was suspected of killing Alfredo Tello Jr., also 19.

Tello's burned and dismembered body was found in an empty garage near Sheinbein's home in Aspen Hill, Md., on Sept. 18, 1997. Sheinbein went to Israel several days later.

The killing, and afterward Sheinbein's flight to Israel, raised a furor among Maryland's Hispanic organizations and Latino community, which accused prosecutors of negligence in allowing Sheinbein to escape.

In Congress, several lawmakers threatened to cut off American aid to Is-

rael unless the teenager was returned here to face charges.

Tello's parents declined to attend Gansler's news conference yesterday but had him release a statement that said: "The Tello family feels that justice has not been achieved in this case, that Mr. Sheinbein and his family have continually manipulated the judicial systems of both Israel and the United States."

Sheinbein's attorney has challenged Maryland attorneys to prove that Sheinbein took an active part in the killing with his friend, Aaron Needle.

Needle committed suicide in a Maryland prison just before his trial was to start.

"This was actually what has been called a 'thrill kill,'" Gansler said. "They killed Alfredo Tello for the mere pleasure of it."

"They actually planned on killing another friend of Mr. Sheinbein and Mr. Needle down the road and this was basically a practice murder."

Gansler said authorities collected DNA, fingerprints and other evidence, including a handwritten, notarized confession signed by Sheinbein and Needle.

Officials also have a "recipe for murder" that Sheinbein wrote which listed tools needed to kill, such as the saw he allegedly used to dismember Tello, goggles, disinfectant, garbage bags and a tarpaulin.

"We still feel that we would have had a very, very strong case against Mr. Sheinbein," said Gansler, who added that the teen could have faced life in prison if he were tried in the United States.

Once Sheinbein is freed, he could still be arrested and charged with first-degree murder if he tried to enter the United States or any country that belongs to the international police organization Interpol, Gansler said.

Service with a smile



Fish Camp counselor Glen "Loopy" Roberts, a sophomore construction science major, directs freshman in the Olsen parking lot coming to Session 1. Freshman will spend the next four days at Lakeview in Palestine, TX.

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"For instance, we want to find out if the employees that served alcohol at the bars knew [Wagener] was a minor or were aware of the birthday party," he said.

Cantu said the investigation has faced obstacles during the summer break.

"My boss told me to try to wrap this investigation up as soon as possible," he said.

Wagener was found unconscious at his residence by police after a 911 call at 7 a.m. alerted the authorities.

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you the skills to succeed whether into the military or into the business world."

Lane said the Corps teaches discipline requiring the cadets to take leadership etiquette classes. These classes help refine the cadets and giving them the ability to lead their peers.

Patrick Scott, a freshman general studies major, said he expects his first year in the Corps to be rough, but he thinks the discipline he will learn will help him

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tools to succeed in college," she said. "That is a benefit no matter what color or culture you are," she said.

Ryan Beard, director of the team leaders, said one of the biggest advantages of the program is the one-on-one interaction between upperclassmen and freshmen.

"Upperclassmen get to act like big brothers and big sisters," he said. "It lets long-lasting friendships form that will help the students get along better at A&M."

Hermosura said 100 students and 30 parents are currently registered to attend the conference, although more may register Friday.

She said the number of student participants was nearly cut in half because of the Hopwood decision.

The decision as interpreted by the Attorney General of Texas prohibits all race-based scholarships and financial aid.

"The decision cut the number of students participating in the EXCEL program because it no longer allowed us to focus on minority students," she said.

Delaware crowned Miss Teen USA

Carson Daly hosts pageant as 18-year-old graduates

Louisiana, Maryland come in second, third

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — An 18-year-old from Delaware who wants to study civil engineering was crowned Miss Teen USA 1999 last night.

Ashley Coleman, 5-foot-8 with light brown hair and dark brown eyes, was chosen by a panel of judges in competition with other girls representing 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Miss Louisiana, Sarah Thornhill, 18, was first runner-up and Miss Maryland, Khosi Roy, 17, was second runner-up.

Other finalists were Miss Arizona, Danielle Demski, 17, and Miss Michigan, Sara Marie Dusen-dang, 18.

The other semifinalists were Miss Nevada, Kristen Walthers, 18; Miss Tennessee, Rachel

Boston, 17; Miss Texas, Giles, 18, and Miss Virginia, Glakas, 18.

The selection of a successor to the 1998 Miss Teen USA, Minnillo of South Carolina, followed more than two weeks of rehearsals that frayed the nerves of last year's top finishers.

Jennifer Reel, one of last year's top 10, remembered it well.

"As the pageant gets to the final night, a lot of people start turning from, 'Hey, I'm your friend,' to, 'Don't mess up, you know, and that hurt my feelings,'" said Minnillo who was Miss Mississippi USA 1998.

Carson Daly, of MTV's "Request Live," was host of the pageant, televised live on

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