

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Trujillo acquitted: Jury split, mistrial declared on 2nd charge of attempted murder



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Carlos Trujillo, left, cries as the "not guilty" verdict on the charge of murdering Andrew Kissel is read at state Superior Court in Stamford on Thursday. Trujillo's attorney, Lindy Urso, sits with him.

By Debra Friedman
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STAMFORD — A Bridgeport man charged in the slaying of Greenwich real estate developer Andrew Kissel was acquitted of murder Thursday in state Superior Court, but the jury was split on the attempted murder charge and a mistrial was declared on that count.

Carlos Trujillo, 49, of Bridgeport, took off his glasses and quietly went



Kissel

Senior Assistant State's Attorney Paul Ferencek said Thursday evening the state will continue to prosecute

Trujillo, who has been behind bars since his March 2008 arrest, will remain in custody on \$1 million bond while the state decides how to proceed with the attempted murder charge.

the case would resolve with a new trial or through a plea resolution.

"Dropping the charges is out of the question," Ferencek said. "We are hopeful this won't be a situation where only one person is held responsible. That would be a real injustice."

Defense attorney Lindy Urso, who has been working as a special public defender on the case since the start, said his client will continue to fight to clear his name.

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Star witness grilled

Kissel Trial: Defense reveals strategy after moving for mistrial

**By Debra Friedman
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STAMFORD — The defense attorney for a Bridgeport man charged in the slaying of Greenwich real estate developer Andrew

Kissel hammered the state's star witness with tough questions Friday in state Superior Court and floated a theory that the 24-year-old made up his entire story to save his family members and sink his elder cousin.

During the fourth day of the trial of Carlos Trujillo, 49, of Bridgeport, the defense and prosecution clashed frequently, with defense attorney Lindy Urso even moving for a mistrial

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Leonard Trujillo



Carlos Trujillo

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Defense grills cop

Kissel murder: Trujillo attorney questions the integrity of police investigation

by Debra Friedman
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STAMFORD — The defense attorney for a Bridgeport man charged in the slaying of a Greenwich real estate developer Andrew Kissel raised questions about the police investigation and attempted to divert jurors to other possible suspects in the case Wednesday during the second day of trial in state Superior Court in Stamford.

Attorney Lindy Urso, who

represents Carlos Trujillo, 49, of Bridgeport, asked lead Detective Pasquale Iorfino, of the Greenwich Police Department, how thoroughly his team investigated a group of nearly 30 people who Kissel defrauded.

"Some of the individuals were defrauded of up to a half a million dollars," Urso said. "Did you speak to any of these people about any connection to the homicide?"

Iorfino said he only spoke with Kissel's mother-in-law,
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Detective Pasquale Iorfino testifies at the trial of Carlos Trujillo, who is accused of killing Andrew Kissel.

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SPORTS

Brunswick boys hockey falls to Kent School

The Brunswick boys hockey players say they won't let Wednesday's loss to the Kent School get them down. "We have a lot of work to do," said Coach Ron VanBelle. Read the full story in Sports.

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LOCAL

Planning board drops zoning change

After a flood of criticism from residents, the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday night took no action on a controversial change to the building zone regulations that would affect residential building and expansions. The proposed change could re-emerge in the future, however.

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