

# A son murdered, another permanently scarred

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Note: The Feb. 17 edition of the Fauquier Times included coverage of these sentencing hearings. (See box.) Because the hearings ended only a few minutes before press time, however, that coverage was necessarily brief. What follows is a more complete account of the more than six hours of testimony and arguments that took place Tuesday, Feb. 16 in Fauquier County Circuit Court.

## Ogburn, Staples sentenced to life in prison

Jaden Staples, 19, and Antonio Ogburn, 19, both of Woodstock, Virginia, were each sentenced to life in prison on Feb. 16 in the Jan. 8, 2020 murder of Fabian Sosa in Warrenton. Both were 18 years old at the time of the murder.

Along with two other defendants, Emily Race, 20, and Alexander Golden, 19, Staples and Ogburn pleaded guilty in October to first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit robbery in connection with the murder, which left the 27-year-old Fabian Sosa dead and two other residents of the apartment severely injured. Race and Golden are each scheduled to be sentenced April 12.

In the proffer of facts signed by the four defendants as part of their guilty pleas, Ogburn admitted to being the individual to shoot Fabian Sosa twice in the back as he slept.

Staples was the first of the defendants to fire a weapon during the incident, according to the document, confronting Fabian Sosa's 23-year-old brother in the kitchen of the apartment and shooting him seven times.

Two other residents of the Woodstock townhome are charged as accessories after a homicide. Terrell Tucker, 21, and Makoya Denham, 22, are scheduled to appear in general district court on March 10 for preliminary hearings.

A graduate of Strasburg High School, Fabian Sosa worked multiple jobs – as a leasing agent and a rideshare driver -- and was deeply patriotic, his mother said outside the courtroom.

His father testified he had just started working for a property management company a few months before he was murdered. "We were so proud of him."

Fabian Sosa tried to join the military as a teenager but was denied on medical grounds, his mother explained outside the courtroom. An outspoken advocate for gun rights, he had traveled all over the country in a previous job as a car salesman and had worked for his father's business in Argentina. He loved horseback riding.

"He was a pillar of our family," she said. "He really enjoyed helping people ... He was very loved."

Although Emily Race told the other defendants there were drugs and large amounts of cash in the apartment, both Commonwealth Attorney Scott Hook and the mother of the Sosa brothers emphasized repeatedly on Feb. 16 that Fabian Sosa never had anything to do with manufacturing or distributing drugs, and the two guns present in his possession were legally purchased.

The younger Sosa brother admitted on the stand to possessing marijuana in the past, which he had purchased legally in Washington, D.C.

"Emily Race is the one who said there were drugs and cash," Hook said during his closing argument for the Ogburn hearing. "At the end of the day, [the perpetrators] found a bag of marijuana, \$1,000 in cash" and guns that had been legally purchased, he said.

"Fabian was never involved in the manufacture or sale of drugs," his mother said outside the courtroom. "[The younger Sosa brother] has never been arrested for manufacturing or selling drugs. ... I want my sons – both of their names cleared [and to refute] that this was a house ... where drug deals were being made."



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Fabian Sosa as a child.



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Fabian Sosa

## 'I've had enough suffering for five people's lifetimes'

The two sentencing hearings on Feb. 16 lasted more than six hours between them as distraught members of the families of both the victims and the perpetrators testified at length before Judge James Plowman handed down each sentence.

The most striking testimony came from one of the victims of the shooting, the 23-year-old brother of Fabian Sosa who was the target of the robbery-turned-murder. He testified at both hearings on Feb. 16.

The younger Sosa brother had to be led into the courtroom by sheriff's deputies; having been shot seven times, the younger Sosa is now completely blind. Bullet fragments remain lodged in his brain, as it was too dangerous for surgeons to remove all the fragments.

He was in a coma for weeks after the shooting, and his parents were told he might not survive. His condition was so precarious, they said, they waited weeks after he regained consciousness to tell him his brother had been killed; the shock, they worried, would kill him.

"My son was bloodied – my son was so disfigured I could not make out his face," his mother said. He sustained such severe neurological damage that "he reverted to a small child" in terms of motor function.

He suffers from severe post-traumatic stress disorder and depression and experiences frequent panic attacks. Loud noises terrify him, exacerbated by the fact he can no longer see.

"I've had enough suffering for five people's lifetimes," he said.

The last thing he remembers from Jan. 8, 2020 – and the last thing he would ever see – is staring down the barrel of a gun held by Staples, who was wearing a mask to disguise his face.

"I would love to know the person who did this to me, but to this day I have no idea what he looks like," the younger Sosa brother testified.

Staples, present in the courtroom just a few feet away from the witness stand, sat attentively and motionless throughout the testimony.

The Sosa brothers' parents both spoke about the anguish they felt when they received the news that one of their sons had died and another was fighting for his life.

Their mother lives in Florida. "Your bullets reached me all the way down in Florida, and you killed me too," she said directly to Ogburn, sitting a few feet away, who had killed her son.

Though the Sosa brothers' parents are divorced and remarried, the father sold his business in Argentina and moved with his family to Florida to be with the son who survived the shooting, who now splits time between his parents' homes.

He cherishes the chance to spend time with his surviving children, the father said, but "It's impossible to explain the pain of losing your son. One night you can say 'Goodnight, son. I love you.' The next day, you can't."

## 'I didn't know how to help him'

Staples and Ogburn, who are first cousins, sat silently as members of their families took the stand on Feb. 16, struggling to understand how the two

young men – sons, grandsons, nephews and brothers – came to perpetrate such a horrific crime.

Their grandmother pleaded with the judge and the Sosas' family, who were sitting in the gallery throughout the day. "We raised our children well – solid – with a foundation faith," she said, visibly distraught while alternating her gaze between the Sosas' family and her grandson, Jaden Staples.

Staples' mother took the stand. Her now ex-husband was physically abusive to both her and her son, she said. "Every time I told [my then-husband] not to put his hands on my child, I was putting myself in harm's way."

Staples became addicted to prescription pills from the age of 14 onward, she testified, though he hid it from his family under after he was arrested for the Warrenton murder.

His mother, a school principal, said that as Staples got older, he transformed from a bright kid who got all As and Bs at school to a troubled teenager who had constant behavioral issues.

"I didn't know what it was," she said. "He wasn't himself and I didn't know how to help him."

Before handing down each sentence, Plowman took pains to place the responsibility of the shootings squarely on the defendants, and not their families.

"What is very clear: your family bears no blame at all," he told Staples. "By all accounts, you were raised well; you were given opportunities."

## Ogburn tries to withdraw guilty plea

In contrast to Staples, who sat attentively through more than two hours of testimony and whose attorney offered no resistance to the facts of the case, Ogburn's sentencing hearing began with defiance.

Just ten minutes before the hearing began, Ogburn told his attorney he wanted to withdraw his guilty plea, the lawyer, Kirk Milam told the judge. Plowman, incredulous, asked pointedly on what legal basis this could be done.

Ogburn had told him before the hearing that "he had reflected on his [guilty] pleas," Milam said, and that Ogburn now claims that the other defendants coerced him into participating in the shooting and that he may have killed Fabian Sosa in self defense.

Milam admitted he wasn't able to present any new evidence, and Plowman denied the motion to withdraw the plea.

Ogburn spent most of the next four hours of the hearing slouched back in his chair with his medical mask below his nose and his arms crossed as his mother, grandmother and sister tried to make sense of the path that took him from a church youth group leader in Detroit to a murderer in Virginia.

Ogburn's mother is a community activist in Detroit. Ogburn, she said, had never had any trouble with the police before coming to Virginia, and often accompanied her on door-knocking events to register people to vote or to talk with residents about making the community better.

Ogburn and Staples' grandmother described Ogburn as eager to help family members and his neighbors. He often helped older people in the community with household chores like mowing grass. He was the leader of the youth club at the family's church. "That's just who he was," she said.

Hook, in his closing argument, contrasted that description of Ogburn with his actions on Jan. 8.

"He's shot somebody in his sleep and blamed it on the dead guy," Hook said. "It sounds like his family does a lot for their community – believes in their community. This young man does not. I think he deserves the same mercy as he gave to Fabian Sosa: none."

Plowman ultimately agreed. "I look at your family and I'm amazed by their accomplishments," he told Ogburn. "You have a good, loving, supportive family. I can't help but be in awe of them." He referenced Ogburn's mother. "Her life's mission is to help and strengthen families ... I can't imagine how this must make her feel to have to go through this."

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## Two teenagers severely injured in Sept. 21 traffic crash

Trumbo: Intersection needs safety improvements

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Two teenagers suffered "life threatening" injuries in a traffic crash Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Old Tavern Road about 3 miles south of Marshall. Another person sustained "minor" injuries, according to the Virginia State Police.

The two severely injured teenagers include 17-year-old Josue Salamanca, who was driving a 1995 Saturn sedan, and a 16-year-old girl who was a passenger in the same car.

After stopping at the stop sign on Old Tavern Road, the sedan attempted to make a left onto U.S. 17 south, according to the state police. A northbound 2004 Volkswagen station wagon on U.S. 17 then collid-

ed with the Saturn, hitting the car's driver's side.

One of the teenagers was trapped in the vehicle and had to be extricated, according to a synopsis of the incident provided by the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management. The other teenager had been removed from the car by bystanders before paramedics arrived.

Both teenagers were transported to the trauma center at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. The driver of the Volkswagen, a 40-year-old man from Front Royal, sustained "minor" injuries and was transported to Haymarket Medical Center for treatment, according to the state police.

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Josue Salamanca and another Fauquier High School student were both seriously injured in a traffic crash Sept. 21.

## 'We are down 25 to 30 drivers a day'

School board considers raises, bonuses for school bus drivers, aides and custodians

By Robin Earl  
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At Monday night's school board work session, Executive Director of Administration and Planning David Graham told school board members that the transportation department is down "25 to 30 bus drivers every day." He described the double runs that have to be accomplished in order to pick up and drop off the county's children. "Kids are getting to school late; they are getting home late." And, he added, "sometimes they're sitting three to a seat."

He added, "I listen to the radio every morning and every afternoon. I can hear the stress in their [the drivers'] voices."

Graham said that some drivers pick up extra shifts every day to try to make up the difference, but it's a losing proposition. He used the stark reality check to introduce a plan devised by the



Cristina Madsen has been driving a school bus in Fauquier for two years.

school division's human resources department to attract and retain new drivers.

Wages for custodians, bus drivers and bus aides have fallen behind those in some other nearby school divisions, according to an HR department study. The study compared pay scales in Albemarle, Culpeper, Frederick, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Warren counties.

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## Culpeper woman receives 2-year sentence for assaulting police officer

Judge: Defendant must pay restitution to officer for medical bills

By Liam Bowman  
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A Culpeper woman was sentenced Sept. 27 to at least two years in prison for assaulting two law enforcement officers last year. While resisting arrest on April 19, 2020, Cherie Cotton, 35, assaulted a Warrenton police officer, leaving the officer with a broken wrist and a severe head injury, according to court documents. She also bit a Fauquier sheriff's deputy. Cotton was ordered to pay restitution toward medical expenses for one of the officers.



Cherie Cotton, 35, of Culpeper

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Amazon buys 42 acres in Warrenton, but the town has not seen data center application yet. See page 2.



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Salamanca, a junior at Fauquier High School and a sprinter for the track team, immediately underwent two surgeries following the crash and received a blood transfusion for severe internal bleeding, according to an online fundraiser started by his parents. He also suffered a hip fracture, a collapsed lung and brain swelling and was not able to breathe on his own in the days after the incident.

By Monday, he had begun to show some signs of improvement and had begun to try to sit up and move around, according to his parents. He underwent a surgery on his hip late Monday.

The identity of the 16-year-old girl and the 40-year-old man have not been released.

The state police was investigating the incident after the crash, and an agency representative said Monday that there were no updates on the status of the investigation. No charges have been filed.

## Renewed calls to improve intersection

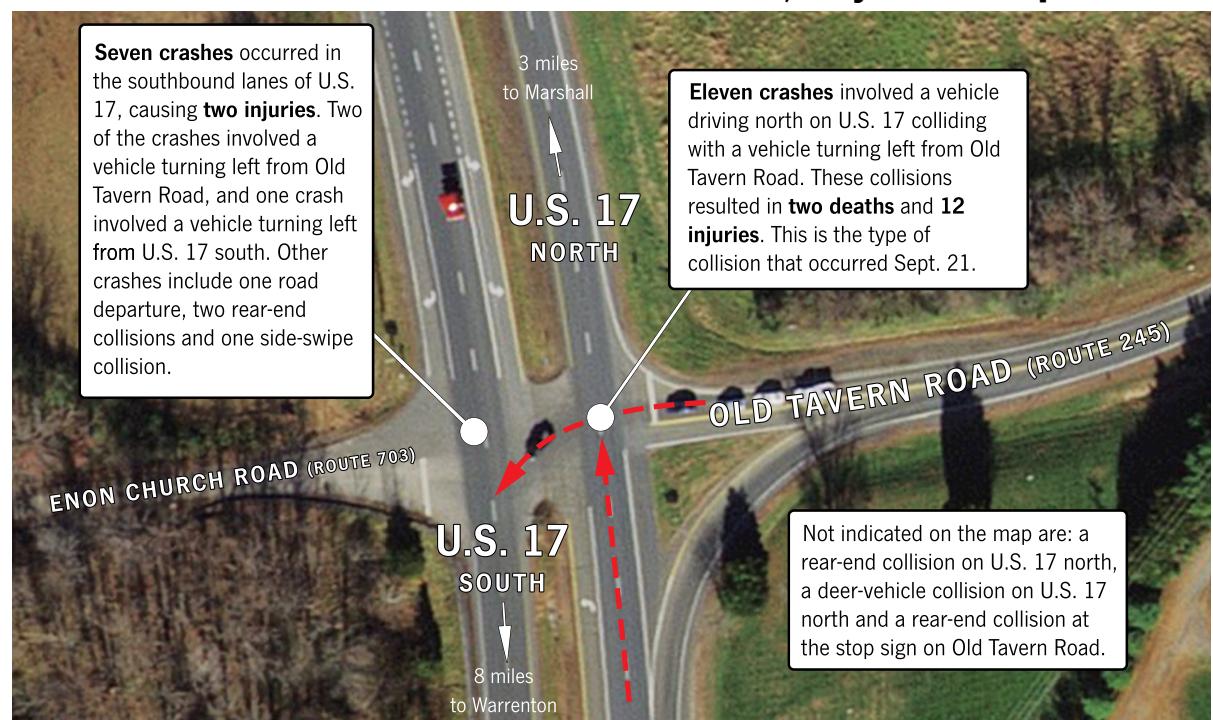
Fauquier County Supervisor Holder Trumbo, whose magisterial district includes Old Tavern Road and borders U.S. 17, has expressed concern about the intersection for years, he said last week. Earlier this year, he asked the Virginia Department of Transportation to conduct a safety review of the intersection and the state agency published a study July 28.

After the Sept. 21 crash, Trumbo brought up the intersection again with county and VDOT officials. "We just flew two more victims of this intersection out yesterday," he said in an email Sept. 22. "Local residents cannot understand why more is not being done to address it. Can we please ask VDOT to take another look? I'm not at all convinced that tree trimming and maintenance are adequate solutions."

Still, he acknowledged to the *Fauquier Times* that VDOT has limited resources and has to prioritize using funds in a way that would help the most people. The U.S. 17/Old Tavern Road intersection is 66th on the list of priorities for potential safety improvements in the Culpeper District, the VDOT planning region that encompasses nine counties and one city. "They only have so many resources, but the public is getting impatient," said Trumbo.

The July 28 report recommended adding a "median U-turn," which would force all traffic from Old Tavern Road to turn right onto U.S. 17 north; those who wished to travel south would have to make a U-turn further up the highway. Most of the serious traffic crashes at the intersection have resulted from a vehicle crossing the highway from Old Tavern Road to travel south on U.S. 17, much

## Traffic crashes at U.S. 17 and Old Tavern Road, May 2016 to April 2021



DATA SOURCE: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CULPEPER DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

like what happened Sept. 21.

"The crash analysis revealed that the left-turning traffic from [Old Tavern Road] was involved in the majority of crashes of the intersection," the report summarized. "However, the available intersection sight distance is more than the minimum required and these crashes are unlikely to be mitigated by any low-cost countermeasures such as signing and pavement markings." The study also ruled out the need for a traffic signal.

The study found that there were 21 traffic crashes at the intersection in a five-year period starting in 2016, including two that resulted in a fatality and six that resulted in at least one injury. Most of the crashes involved a vehicle crossing the highway from Old Tavern Road and colliding with a vehicle traveling north on U.S. 17 (11 crashes) or south on U.S. 17 (two crashes).

There were no significant traffic crashes involving vehicles turning right from Old Tavern Road onto U.S. 17, nor were there any crashes involving vehicles turning in either direction from Enon Church Road, which is directly opposite the highway from Old Tavern Road. Roughly 21,000 vehicles use this stretch of U.S. 17 each day, with another 3,100 traveling on Old Tavern Road and 120 on Enon Church Road.

Trumbo said Sept. 23, that the most likely way to fund an improvement to the intersection would be through the state's Smart Scale program, which allows counties and cities to submit a list of road improvement projects for potential funding. The next opportunity for localities to submit applications to the program is next summer.

VDOT Resident Engineer for Warrenton, Daniel Nesbitt, agreed. "The long-term fix which would be an alternative intersection such as median U-turn or R-CUT (restricted crossing U-turn) would have to be funded by Smart Scale or some other funding source," he said in an email to the *Fauquier Times* Sept. 23.

Even if improvements to the Old Tavern Road/U.S. 17 intersection were ultimately approved for funding through Smart Scale, however, it would be years before that money was actually allocated. Smart Scale operates on a six-year cycle, meaning that projects submitted next year for consideration would be started no earlier than the late 2020s if approved.

In addition to adding a median U-turn, the report recommended trimming or removing some trees around the intersection to improve visibility and repairing a pothole in the median. Nesbit said those items should be completed this week.



Josue Salamanca is a sprinter for the Fauquier High School track team. His teammates tweeted this photo over the weekend.

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## STATE CHAMP

Kettle Run High School's Nia Rogers, seen here competing in discus at the June 9 Region 4C meet at Fauquier High School, went on to win the Class 4 state championship in shot put at the state meet held Saturday at Liberty University.

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## Melody Glascock convicted, sentenced to life in murder of Kelly Gray

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On June 17, 2020, Kelly Gray texted her adult daughter, who was getting married two days later. "I will always be there," Gray told her, according to a screenshot of the conversation presented in court Monday.

The next evening, Gray was stabbed to death in her Bealeton apartment.

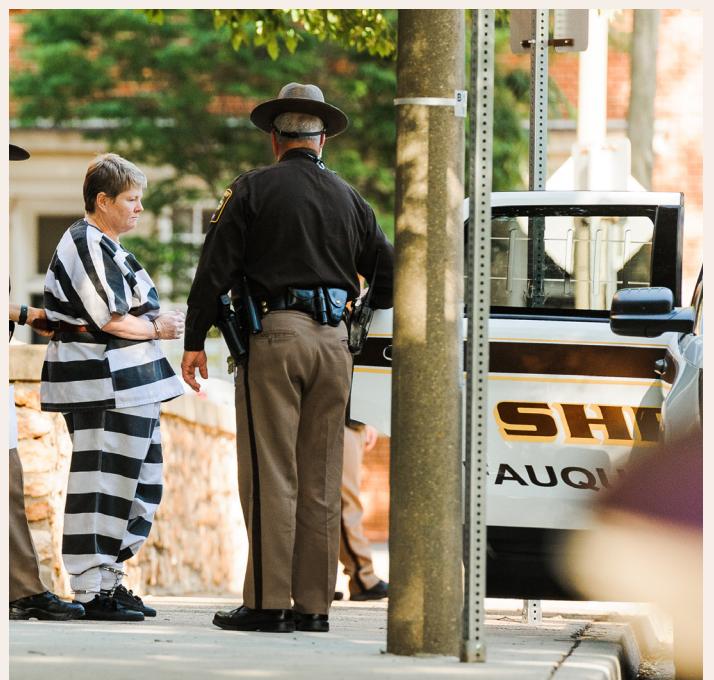
Last week, a jury convicted Melody Glascock, 56, of Linden, of murdering Gray, 40. On Monday, the same jury sentenced Glascock to life in prison, plus 80 years for two counts of soliciting a third party to commit murder.

The jury announced the conviction Thurs-

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day, June 17 – almost a year to the day following Gray's death -- after deliberating for about 2 ½ hours. The verdict followed three days of witness testimony, during which prosecutors presented a case that argued Glascock killed Gray because she was jealous of a three-way romantic relationship among Kelly Gray, her husband Chris Gray and Glascock's ex-girlfriend, whom Glascock wanted to "win back."

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TIMES STAFF PHOTO/COY FERRELL  
Melody Glascock leaves Fauquier County Circuit Court on June 17 after a jury convicted her for murdering Kelly Gray.

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"She (Glascock) told me she wanted to go [to the Grays' apartment] to fight to take back what is hers," testified one witness, who was jailed in the same cell as Glascock after Glascock's arrest. She told the jury that Glascock had described intimate details of the murder scene to her.

The jury also heard recordings of voicemails Glascock left on her ex-girlfriend's phone in the days leading up to Gray's death. Glascock's ex-girlfriend testified that Glascock had recently expressed a desire to rekindle the relationship, only to be spurned. Glascock then became increasingly frantic, constantly calling the woman and showing up at her apartment unannounced, the ex-girlfriend testified.

"You lied to me for the last time," Glascock says in one voicemail.

## Timeline of events

According to witness testimony, Glascock met two acquaintances in a Marshall parking lot on evening of June 18, 2020, had them drive her to a Warrenton store where Glascock bought a large kitchen knife in their presence, then traveled immediately to Bealeton where she entered the Grays' apartment at about 7 p.m.

Chris Gray was running errands nearby, according to security camera footage. Glascock's ex-girlfriend, who lived in an apartment below the Grays', had just picked up a prescription for Glascock in Warrenton and was traveling to Marshall to meet her, she testified; security camera footage from a Warrenton store corroborated her story.

Prosecutors alleged Glascock had arranged for her ex-girlfriend to be away from the Bealeton apartment so that she would not be present when Glascock arrived.

Chris Gray usually arrived home at 7 p.m. or later, but had gotten off work early that day, according to his testimony last week. Another witness, James "Jay" Embrey, testified he was told by Glascock to look out for a specific truck while Glascock was in the Grays' apartment — prosecutors alleged this was Chris Gray's truck — and that Glascock was apparently concerned Chris Gray would arrive home while Glascock was in the apartment.

Jay Embrey's mother, Maria Embrey, testified she accompanied Glascock to the front door but went back to the car when Glascock went inside and did not see Glascock physically interact with Gray.

"She said 'the b---- is dead,'" Maria Embrey testified Glascock told her when Glascock returned to the car after leaving the Grays' apartment. "She said, 'I killed her.' She said if I say anything, 'I'll f--- you up too.'"

Glascock and the Embreys drove to Marshall, then to Glascock's Linden residence, both Embreys testified separately. Doorbell camera footage shown in court shows the two vehicles arriving about the same time in the Linden driveway, and the three entered the house.

A few minutes later, a doorbell camera shows Jay Embrey walking out the front door holding what he

said were the clothes Glascock had been wearing on their trip to Bealeton. Glascock and Maria Embrey then exit the house, with Glascock wearing different clothes than she arrived in.

Jay Embrey testified that Glascock told him and his mother to go to Front Royal Walmart and purchase clothes identical to the ones Glascock had worn that day; security video footage from the Walmart appears to show the Embreys doing this about 8 p.m. on June 18, 2020. "She said to buy the exact same clothes she handed me," Jay Embrey testified.

Additionally, Embrey claimed, Glascock gave him specific instructions about discarding the clothes she had handed him. She allegedly told him to drive to a specific portion of a specific bridge near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and throw the clothes into the Susquehanna River. "She told me if I said anything to anyone, she was going to kill me," Embrey testified.

Embrey testified he followed Glascock's instructions, driving about two hours north and arriving back home at between 2 and 3 a.m. Detailed technical testimony from an FBI analyst Wednesday appeared to back up at least part of Embrey's claim that he drove to Pennsylvania on the night of June 18, 2020.

Additional cell phone logs show Jay Embrey and Glascock called and texted each other multiple times between 9 p.m. June 18, 2020 and 2 a.m. June 19, 2020, consistent with Embrey's previous testimony that he and Glascock had contacted each other that night.

Both Jay and Maria Embrey are charged as accessories after a murder; both deny knowing about Glascock's plan to kill Gray before the event. If convicted, each Embrey could face up to five years in prison.

## Glascock allegedly told others she wanted to kill Grays

Three witnesses testified Glascock had told them about her plans to kill either Kelly Gray or her husband, Chris Gray — none contacted law enforcement before the murder, each explaining they hadn't taken Glascock seriously because she is prone to exaggeration.

Those three people included one man who testified Glascock met him in an Atoka parking lot less than two hours before Gray was stabbed to death. "She said, 'I need you to do me a favor.' She said, 'I need you to kill two people for me,'" said the man. Those two people were Chris and Kelly Gray, he said.

Additionally, Glascock allegedly told the man the murder "had to happen within the next couple of hours" and gave specific instructions to the man about how to make the murders look like a murder-suicide, suggesting he enlist his wife to help. And, he added, "She said if I have someone I wanted dead, she would kill them for me."

This interaction is the basis for Glascock's two charges of soliciting a third party to commit murder.

The man said he refused. In response, Glascock allegedly told him: "Well, f--- it, I'll do it myself. I can't handle both [Kelly and Chris Gray], but I can handle that b----."

## Closing arguments

During his closing argument, Commonwealth's Attorney Scott Hook told the jury there was a host of circumstantial evidence tying Glascock to Gray's murder. Witnesses who had never met each other before corroborated multiple key points of the prosecution's argument, he argued.

But defense attorneys Mark Williams and John Clark attempted throughout the trial to cast suspicion on Kelly Gray's husband, Chris Gray, noting testimony that he was "jealous" of his wife's close relationship with the third woman in the three-way arrangement. The defense attorneys also repeatedly emphasized the lack of physical evidence tying Glascock to the crime scene itself.

Most strikingly, Williams told the jury not to believe even the recorded statements Glascock made in the days and months after Gray's death — some of which contain statements indicating she stabbed Gray while still denying she was the one who killed her. "You've heard a lot of lies, including [from] my client," Williams said. He called Glascock "a big-mouth blowhard" who regularly bragged and lied.

"Probability is not enough" to convict Glascock, Williams emphasized. "There are many doubts in this case."

While he acknowledged "it looks bad" for his client, he also reminded jurors about testimony that Chris Gray's DNA was found under his wife's fingernails. "The only evidence

linking anyone to Kelly Gray is Chris Gray's DNA," Williams told the jury. "It's not [Glascock's] DNA under her fingernails; it's his." He concluded: "That's reasonable doubt."

Hook offered a rebuttal, chronicling what he said was a litany of evidence tying Glascock to the murder and claimed Williams was focusing on forensic evidence while ignoring testimony of multiple witnesses implicating Glascock — testimony he pointed out Williams did not dispute. Besides, he said, there is nothing unusual about spouses having physical contact that might leave trace DNA.

Specifically, a detective testified earlier in the week that Chris Gray told investigators his wife had popped a pimple on his back the day of her death, and the detective said she had confirmed the existence of a pimple on his back.

Hook pointed to the alleged timeline of events based on testimony from witnesses — pointing especially to the Embreys' testimony, which implicates them as accomplices — security camera footage, cell phone data and store receipts. The totality of the evidence proves Glascock killed Kelly Gray, he said.

Physical evidence from the scene, Hook argued, is almost always incomplete in any investigation and the absence of specific evidence tying Glascock to the crime scene itself should not be a reason to ignore other evidence.

Ultimately, the 12-member jury agreed.

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