

Uhlenbrock enters not guilty plea to murder charge in first court appearance Tuesday

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The man accused of fatally shooting his stepfather and seriously wounding a family friend made his first courtroom appearance on Tuesday afternoon, November 10.

Jason Frederick Uhlenbrock, 29, Austin, is charged with a count of murder and attempted murder in the death of Robin L. Everitt, 59, and the wounding of family friend Terry Carr. He allegedly grabbed a handgun laying on a counter at the Everitt home on Bogardus Road and emptied the magazine of the Sig Sauer 9mm gun during the incident. The shootings occurred shortly after 4 p.m.

From information gathered, Uhlenbrock apparently bicycled to the house from his apartment on U.S. Highway 31 North in Austin to request use of a shotgun. Everitt reportedly refused his stepson's request. Prior to Uhlenbrock's visit, Robin Everitt and his wife, also named Robin, were entertaining a few friends, playing and discussing music. One of those friends, Terry Carr, was also allegedly shot in the abdomen by Uhlenbrock, as Carr sat on a sofa in the couple's living room.

Uhlenbrock then apparently dropped the weapon and walked out of the house, ignoring his mother's attempts to restrain him. He got on his bicycle and left the scene, riding toward the intersection of Bogardus Road and State Road 256. His mother was not injured.

Another family friend, Joseph Tellas, made the 9-1-1 call at 4:16 p.m. to request help. He later told officers that he saw Uhlenbrock "lunge" toward Everitt, the gun in his hand.

As that call went out, county deputies Joe Johnson and Joe Guarneri had just arrived at a personal injury accident involving a motorcycle and a deer on State Road 356 and U.S. Highway 31 south of Scottsburg. They turned the accident over to a Scottsburg officer, Lt. Richey Barton, and headed north/northeast to the Everitt home.

In the meantime, Austin patrolman Crystal Schapson and Scottsburg patrolman Rodney Watts reacted to the assistance call.

Both officers started in their respective patrol cars toward Bogardus Road, Ptl. Schapson driving east on State Road 256.

As she turned onto Bogardus Rd., the officer reported she saw the suspect on his bicycle headed south and nearing the State Road 256/Bogardus Rd. intersection. She moved her car across the roadway and ordered Uhlenbrock off his bike, handcuffing and holding him there until Deputy Guarneri arrived to take him in custody.

Ptl. Watts stopped briefly there and then continued on to the house, where he found Scott County EMS technicians and Deputy Johnson.

Entering the home, Ptl. Watts found a semi-automatic handgun lying on a counter near the front door. Its magazine was empty with the weapon's slide locked to the rear, he noted. Another weapon, a .22 caliber handgun, was also laying on the counter. It contained nine live rounds.

The body of Robin Everitt was lying face down on the living room floor. Carr was in extreme pain from a single shot to the abdomen. He was transported by Scott County EMS to Johnson Elementary School on S.R. 256, where a PHI Air Medical helicopter flew him to University of Louisville Hospital. Carr has undergone surgery, and his condition is reported to be improving.

Carr was able to provide a statement to Trooper Sean Clemons of the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg post. He confirmed that he saw Uhlenbrock shoot Everitt

Everitt was found to have been shot twice, once in the neck and once in the upper chest. The bullet in his chest perforated a portion of his heart and a lung, autopsy results stated.

Investigation of the shooting was undertaken by the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg post. Detective Scott Stewart is heading those efforts.

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Uhlenbrock said little during his court appearance on Tuesday afternoon. Judge Roger Duvall entered the not guilty plea for him, and no bond was set.

His jury trial has been scheduled for April 26, 2010. A pre-trial hearing has been set in Circuit Court on January 5.

Everitt's funeral will be conducted today (Saturday) at the Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg.

Uhlenbrock's charge of murder is the second filed in Scott Circuit Court in as many weeks.

Jason Carl Hensley, 26, Austin, was charged on October 30 with a count of murder and a count of Class A felony battery in the October 28 death of two-year-old Jacob Matthew Lord. The child, son of Hensley's girlfriend, was allegedly injured at Hensley's apartment and died at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville.

Hensley's trial is scheduled for next April 19.