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# CRIME AND COURT NEWS

## Man admitted stabbing, witness says

### Cellmate tells judge suspect described stabbing his twin

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NORFOLK — During a conversation conducted in Greek in a courthouse holding cell, Crist Ladicós admitted to killing his twin brother, a witness testified Thursday.

Ladicós, 66, is charged with murder in the July 4 stabbing death of his brother, John Ladicós. The incident happened at John Ladicós' home in the 9500 block of 1st View St. Crist Ladicós has previously said his brother committed suicide.

After the hearing in Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Judge Joan Skeppstrom decided that a grand jury should hear the charges.

Michael Koulouris testified during the hearing that he and Ladicós were held in the same cell in July, shortly after Ladicós was charged. The two men with Greek names struck up a conversation, and Koulouris asked Ladicós what he was in for.

"Murder," Ladicós told him, Koulouris testified.

At first, Koulouris said, Ladicós denied having anything to do with the stabbing. Ladicós said he brought some food to his brother that day and brought a knife from his car to cut the food. Crist Ladicós said he then went upstairs to clean up after some tenants who had recently been evicted. Ladicós told Koulouris that when he came downstairs, he found his brother in a pool of blood. Ladicós neither saw nor heard anything, he told Koulouris.

"He said somebody must have did it for the food," Koulouris said Ladicós told him. "I said nobody would rob and kill someone for food."

As they continued to talk, Koulouris said, Ladicós changed his story.

"He broke down crying," Koulouris said. "He said his brother tried to attack him with the knife, that he grabbed the knife from him and stabbed him two times."

Koulouris said Ladicós described stabbing his brother in the stomach. Ladicós said he then threw water on his brother to see where the wound was. Finally, he went across the street to get help.

Koulouris said Ladicós also talked about a possible motive: His brother, John, owned the house he lived in. It would pass to Crist Ladicós if John died.

"He wanted to know if he'd be able to sell the house now that his brother had passed away," Koulouris said.

Ladicós' attorney, Andrew Protogyrou, said he saw Koulouris and Ladicós talking in the cell that day. Later, Koulouris repeatedly called Protogyrou's office, asking to retain him as counsel.

“You never mentioned that Crist confessed, did you?” Protogyrou asked.

Koulouris said he had known John Ladicós well. He used to sit at a bus stop on 1st View, Koulouris said, smoking cigarette butts he had picked up off the ground.

Protogyrou argued that significant facts in Koulouris’ testimony were wrong: John Ladicós was found in an upstairs bedroom, not downstairs, and he was not stabbed in the stomach.

Prosecutor Greg Underwood argued that significant facts in Koulouris’ testimony corroborated Crist Ladicós’ statements to police: that he brought his brother food, that he brought a knife and that he threw water on his brother’s body.

Ladicós remains free on bond.



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