

## Fotis Dulos breaks silence, his attorney suggests 'revenge suicide' possible in disappearance

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Fotis Dulos, left, and Jennifer Dulos the missing mother of five

The attorney for the estranged husband of Jennifer Dulos says the missing New Canaan mom may have carried out a “revenge suicide.”

Those remarks came after a contentious court appearance Wednesday regarding custody of the couple’s five children.

Fotis Dulos spoke out for the first time with a brief statement

centered around his children. He did not take questions or mention his estranged wife, whose disappearance he is charged in connection with.

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“I just want to tell my children that they’re constantly on my mind and that I love them and miss them very much.” Fotis Dulos’ brief statement following today’s court appearance in divorce case. No mention of his estranged wife who disappeared May 24th. @News12CT #JenniferDulos

Jennifer Dulos was last seen dropping her kids off at school the

morning of May 24. Police believe she was the victim of a serious physical assault inside her home. They found her blood in the garage and on the kitchen faucet, mixed with Fotis Dulos' DNA.

Fotis Dulos and his girlfriend, Michelle Troconis, are charged with evidence tampering and hindering prosecution after surveillance cameras captured what appeared to be the couple throwing out garbage bags in a Hartford neighborhood. Tests on items recovered came back a match for Jennifer Dulos' blood.

Fotis Dulos' attorney Norm Pattis doubled down on his theory Wednesday that this wasn't foul play.

"We are actively contemplating a revenge suicide hypothesis as an explanation for her disappearance," said Pattis.

In court, the focus was mainly on a private psychological report conducted in the custody case. Pattis wants it unsealed to use in Fotis Dulos' criminal defense.

Pattis also said his client is willing to sit down with state police and discuss his estranged wife's state of mind before she disappeared, but he wants to be able to talk about the report. The judge ruled against that Wednesday morning.

"You heard us say today in court, comments that Jennifer made to Mr. Dulos that give us grave concerns for her safety and well-being," said Pattis.

The attorney representing Jennifer Dulos called the use of the sealed report appalling. Rueben Midler told the judge "This has to stop. It's easy to besmirch someone who's not here."

Custody has been at the center of the Dulos' two-year divorce case. The five kids, ages 8 to 13, have been with Jennifer Dulos' mother since her disappearance. Gloria Farber is now seeking custody, which the judge said today she hopes to rule on soon.

Michelle Troconis' attorney filed a motion Wednesday to amend the conditions of her release. It asks the court to prohibit Fotis Dulos and his attorneys "From having any contact whatsoever" with her, whether it be in person, by phone, or online.

That motion paints a different one filed by Pattis earlier this week, asking that the couple be allowed to see each other.

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