

Nurse convicted of killing college student gets new lawyer

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In this May 20, 2013, file photo, Jermain Richards, right, stands with his lawyer, John R. Gulash, as he is arraigned on murder and kidnapping charges in the death of Eastern Connecticut State University student Alyssia Marie Wiley at Superior Court in Bridgeport, Conn.

Richards, a private-duty nurse, was found guilty of murder last September in the death of Alyssia Marie Wiley, of West Haven. He was sentenced to 60 years in prison.

On April 19, 2013, the Eastern Connecticut State University sophomore disappeared after leaving the Willimantic campus

in Richards' car.

After a statewide search, Wiley's grisly, partial remains were found 27 days later in the woods at the end of Quarry Road in Trumbull, a mile and a half from Richards' Bridgeport home.

Two juries deadlocked on a verdict in the case before a third

found Richards guilty of killing Wiley. Richards had a different private lawyer in each case.

Pattis told Superior Court Judge Robert Devlin on Wednesday that Richards' mother had hired him for the appeal. ■