

Prosecutor: Ex-husband's DNA found mixed with missing New Canaan woman's blood

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Prosecutors say DNA from the estranged husband of the missing New Canaan woman has been found mixed with her blood inside her home.

State's Attorney Richard J. Colangelo Jr. says Fotis Dulos' DNA was discovered with a mixture of Jennifer Dulos' blood on a kitchen faucet inside her New Canaan home.

Meanwhile, Dulos and his girlfriend, Michelle Troconis, entered a not guilty plea for charges in connection to Jennifer's disappearance.

Dulos and Troconis are charged with tampering with evidence and hindering prosecution. Fotis bonded out today after being held in jail on a \$500,000 bond. Troconis posted her bond after an arraignment in Norwalk court last week.

Fotis' attorney, Norm Pattis, requested the judge lower his clients bond to \$100,000 while State's Attorney Richard J. Colangelo Jr. requested the



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Statement issued by defense attorney **Norman Pattis**



Investigators search a property Fotis Dulos' company owns.

judge raise it to \$800,000.

The judge denied both requests. Pattis says he's unaware of any evidence that his client was involved in foul play.

Pattis responded to the DNA allegations, and stated that Fotis was at Jennifer's home visiting his children a few days prior to the findings which explains why DNA was found on the sink.

However, Colangelo says according to witnesses, Fotis

was only in the backyard that day and never inside of the home.

Arrest warrants show Fotis and Troconis were believed to be captured on surveillance video throwing out trash bags at more than 30 spots in Hartford.

Tests confirmed Jennifer's blood was on the items recovered from the trash.

In a statement, Pattis commented by saying, "There are powerful reasons to doubt he was even at the scene of his estranged wife's home the day she disappeared."

The search for Jennifer has now reached 18 days.

State police have been combing through garbage at a trash facility in Hartford for evidence for a week.

Police in New Canaan say they have received more than 300 tips from the public in connection to Jennifer's disappearance, and around 75 responses for their request for surveillance video.

Police have also created a website to aid in the search. The website, findjenniferdulos.com, allows tips to be submitted anonymously to police. Police also set up an email address, FindJenniferDulos@newcanaanct.gov, designated to collecting tips from the public about her disappearance.

The New Canaan police chief says "they will not rest until they find Jennifer."

At the end of the hearing Tuesday, Pattis requested a speedy trial and told the judge he was ready to go to trial in August to exonerate his client.

The judge did not grant the request.

Troconis is due back in court on July 18 and Fotis is due back in court on Aug. 2. ■