

Earlier today, Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Joseph Kirby continued the capital murder trial of Terry Froman, which was scheduled to begin on August 15, 2016, after granting Froman's request for new counsel. Froman is accused of kidnapping and killing his exgirlfriend, Kimberly Thomas, from Mayfield, Kentucky, and shooting her on the side of Interstate 75 in Warren County on September 12, 2014. Froman is also accused of killing Thomas' 17 year old son, Eli Mohney, at the time of the initial kidnapping. Froman recently filed a motion with the court requesting new counsel, which was followed by a motion by his current counsel to withdraw from representing Froman, citing a "complete breakdown in communication."

Today's ruling represents the third time the case has been continued. The first continuance was granted after Judge Robert Peeler recused himself because his nephew is the prosecutor responsible for handling the case against Froman in Kentucky for the murder of Mohney. Froman's defense team requested the second continuance because of the illness of Froman's psychologist who was expected to testify in the penalty phase of the trial if Froman was convicted of the murder of Thomas.

"I don't blame Judge Kirby for his decision, as he's just trying to make sure that we don't have to re-try this case twice. Nor do I blame Froman's now former counsel, as I'm sure they had a challenging client to deal with. Still, it's extraordinarily frustrating to see justice delayed yet again. My thoughts today are with Kim and Eli's family and friends, as they are ready to see a jury hold Froman to account for his actions," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Judge Kirby indicated that he will be appointing new counsel for Froman within the next few weeks, at which time a new trial date will be set.



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