

Original lawyers to return for Carpenter's defense

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NEW LONDON — New Haven lawyers Hugh Keefe and Tara Knight are back in as defense attorneys for Beth Carpenter, a lawyer charged with the murder-for-hire of her brother-in-law in 1994.

Keefe and Knight were bounced from the case last year after the New London state's attorney's office said that Keefe would be called as a witness in the case.

In Keefe's place, Hubert Santos was appointed Carpenter's special public defender.

On Friday, Superior Court Judge Susan B. Handy granted Santos' motion to withdraw from the case. Santos had said he either wanted to withdraw or have the trial postponed to June 2002.

Handy refused to delay the trial yet again; it is set to begin Nov. 13. Keefe and Knight, who said they'd be ready to go forward on that date, were reappointed after it was agreed by prosecutor Kevin Kane and Keefe that any information Keefe would be asked to give at trial would be done by stipulation, rather than examination on the witness stand.

Anson "Buzz" Clinton, 28, of East Lyme, was found shot to death on the Rocky Neck Connector in East Lyme off Interstate 95 on March 10, 1994. Police arrested Mark Depres, 42, and Joseph Fremut, 39, both of Deep River, for his killing. They in turn led authorities to former Old Say-

brook lawyer Haiman Clein, now 57, and his associate, Carpenter, now 37, with whom Clein allegedly was having an affair.

Depres and Fremut claimed the couple had promised to pay them \$10,000 to kill Clinton.

The state alleges that Carpenter wanted Clinton done away with because she deemed him an unfit stepfather for her 3-year-old niece.

LOTTERIES

Connecticut

Mid-Day 3.....9-9-9
Mid-Day 4.....7-5-5-9
Nightly Number.....1-1-4
Play Four.....8-4-2-9
Cash 5.....10-12-13-19-31
Classic Lotto.23-33-27-17-15-32

New York

Daily.....5-6-3
Win Four.....6-1-2-2
Pick 10.....1-7-10-11-16-20-23-25-26-33-39-40-41-46-49-53-57-72-76-78
Take 5.....unavailable

Rhode Island

Daily.....4-0-4-0

Massachusetts

Daily.....9-8-8-8

Vt.-N.H.-Maine

Pick 3.....9-3-6
Pick 4.....3-9-5-6

New Jersey

Pick 3.....9-5-1
Pick 4.....3-0-7-3
Jersey Cash 5.....4-11-13-20-21

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