

Man who killed escort found not guilty **because of mental illness**

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A West Allis man was not criminally responsible when he killed and dismembered an escort at his apartment after writing a blueprint for the slaying, a judge ruled Thursday.

That means Keith Michael Addy will be headed to a mental hospital, not prison, though he was also convicted of a gun charge that carries a potential 10-year sentence.

Relatives of the victim, Annamarie Lewandowski, left the courtroom in tears. "It's not fair," was all one woman would say.

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Richard Sankovitz said mental illness prevented Addy, 27, from being able to conform his actions to the law on charges of first-degree intentional homicide and mutilating a corpse.

In March, Addy called Beautiful Blondes escort service and got Lewandowski, 19, of Cudahy, to come to his apartment in the 8700 block of W. National Ave. After she arrived, Addy killed her and dismembered her body, disposing of the corpse in a trash bin behind his apartment.

Sankovitz said the frenzied nature of the murder was evidence of disordered thought.

Successful insanity defenses in homicides are rare in Wisconsin. Even serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, who mutilated the corpses of multiple victims, was found sane.

Last month, Sankovitz approved the supervised release of Keith Kalota to a Madison apartment. Kalota, a Milwaukee man, was found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect for murdering his family 16 years ago.

Sankovitz also convicted Addy of being a felon in possession of a firearm; Addy had previously been convicted of sexual assault. Addy's attorney, Jerome Buting, said he will ask the judge at a sentencing hearing Jan. 5 to send Addy to a mental institution before requiring him to serve any prison time.

Three of four doctors who examined Addy determined mental illness, delusional disorder and emerging paranoid schizophrenia rendered him unable to conform his conduct to the law.

Prosecutor Karen Loebel argued that sexual gratification was the more plausible motive. Addy's semen was found on Lewandowski's body.

Loebel argued Addy made a series of choices that indicated rational thought, and that he made up the delusions afterward to rationalize his own behavior.

