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Suspect, victim's family at same Mass
Family of Andrea Will shocked to learn Boulay was at church

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The most contact Andrea Will's family has had with the man accused of killing her has been the occasional glance across a downstate Coles County courtroom. That could have changed Sunday when Justin **Boulay**, a 20-year-old St. Charles resident, and his family attended church for the first time since the February strangulation murder of the Eastern Illinois University freshman.

Ordered to stay inside his parents' home while awaiting a September murder trial, Kane County Court Services officials granted the St. Charles High School graduate's request to attend Mass weekly.

"It's kind of difficult to say no to that," said Tom Scott, director of special programs in the Kane County Adult Court Services Department.

But **Boulay's** appearance upset the victim's family members, who attended the same 11 a.m. Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church in Geneva last Sunday.

"If there's any place where the bad and evil things are kept out of your life, it's the church," said the victim's uncle, Daine Meyer, whose family has attended St. Peter's for 10 years.

However, the Rev. Joe **Jarmoluk** said the church's doors are open to everyone. **Jarmoluk** has conducted Mass weekly in the **Boulay** home, where Justin is tracked by an electronic monitor strapped to his ankle. **Jarmoluk** lead the Sunday Mass the **Boulay** family attended.

"As soon as we do not reach out to people with mercy, love and compassion, then we may as well lock the doors, board up the windows and close the church because we are not carrying on the mission of Jesus Christ," he said.

Boulay is accused of strangling Will, his former girlfriend, to death Feb. 3. The Batavia woman's body was discovered in **Boulay's** apartment near the Eastern Illinois campus, where they were students.

Coles County Judge Ashton Waller recently rejected **Boulay's** request to go no farther than the family's small back yard. However, he is allowed to leave the house with supervision to attend attorney conferences and doctor's visits.

On Monday, **Boulay's** attorney will ask Judge Waller to let **Boulay** work. Kane County Court Services, which monitors **Boulay**, has already denied that request.

Kane County allows others on electronic home monitoring to do the things **Boulay** is requesting.

Carlos Faldana of Algonquin, charged with killing an Aurora man, has a court order that allows him to work and attend church.

A woman who identified herself as a member of **Boulay's** family said the family only wanted **Boulay** to have the same privileges.

Boulay wanted to attend St. Peter's, where **Jarmoluk** is the pastor; he didn't want to make anyone uncomfortable, she said.

"Nobody in the **Boulay** family is happy that Andrea Will died. This is a tragedy that occurred - a horrible, horrible tragedy," she added.

Meyer said Will's family was upset because no one informed them **Boulay** could go to church.

Had a friend not forewarned them, Meyer said his children might have come face to face with **Boulay**.

For them to bump into **Boulay** would have been "unimaginable," he said.

If Kane County officials knew Will's family members attended St. Peter's, Kane County Court Services Executive Director Jim Mueller said they would have told **Boulay** to worship elsewhere.

"There's no way in the world we could check the roster of every church in the area," Mueller said.

"We're trying to do what's in the best interest for everybody. Certainly, if it's not in the best interest of the victim's family, we will respect that and ask him to attend another church."

Boulay's attorney Lonnie Lutz said the family has already picked another church.

Lynda Smith, who attends St. Peter's, said she can sympathize with Will's family.

"But then on the other hand church is for everyone," she said.

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