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# Twin an expert witness

## Tumey's sister talks about days after murder, mental illness

By Rick Smith  
Gazette staff writer

TIPTON — It's hard to know yet if prosecution witness Deanna Tumey helped or hurt the chances of her brother being convicted in the brutal murder of a teen-age girl 19 years ago. But jurors surely listened to her Wednesday because of this riveting circumstance: Deanna Tumey, twin sister of murder defendant Dean Tumey, is a psychiatric social worker at a Massachusetts hospital not unlike the places she said her brother has been in and out of most of his adult life. She told jurors that she ap-

proached authorities in 1990 when she and the rest of the family learned that her brother had confessed to the September 1980 murder of Sandra Jo Pittman, who was 17 and living in Davenport at the time. Deanna Tumey came forward then and was testifying now out of a "moral obligation," she said. Her brother, she said, has so long been haunted by the delusions and hallucinations of paranoid schizophrenia that "he needs to be kept from doing it again" if his confessions are, in fact, true. Deanna Tumey had occasion

#### Dean Tumey twice confessed to the September 1980 murder of Sandra Jo Pittman, 17.

to fly from her home in the Boston area to visit her family in the Quad Cities and Muscatine at the same time that Pittman was beaten and strangled to death and her body dumped along Highway 30 a mile west of Clarence. Prosecutor Alan Ostergren focused Tumey's testimony on the afternoon of Sept. 17, just hours

after Pittman's body, yet unidentified, was found. Tumey had arrived at her mother's house in Muscatine to find her brother, Dean, "agitated" and "intensely" watching the local evening news. To an introductory inquiry, Deanna Tumey said her brother first ignored her and then announced that a girl had been murdered. "She was strangled," he declared, standing and holding his hands as if to strangle someone, the sister testified. She also testified her brother said he knew the dead girl, a recollection repeatedly chal-

lenged by defense attorney Brad Norton of Lowden. Deanna Tumey's sworn affidavit to investigators in 1990 made no mention that her brother told her that first day that he knew the murder victim. The sister said her brother retreated to his bedroom, spent the night of Sept. 17 there, and left in his car the next day after asking her for \$50 for beer. She also gave jurors a firsthand account of the illness of

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She also testified her brother

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Dean Tumey "Agitated" while watching news after murder

### Ready for ice rink



Harlin Andresen, an employee with the Cedar Rapids Recreation Department, smoothes out the seam of a giant plastic liner Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot of the Ellis Park pool. The 150-foot by 80-foot liner is used to line the ice rink at Bever Park. According to recreation facilities manager Dave Bowser, the liners must be repaired every year due to tears caused by ice skates.

Gazette photo by John F. Martin

## Stress, 'entitlement' fuel absences

Los Angeles Times

In today's super-fast economy where everyone seems to be working all the time, more U.S. employees than ever are too stressed out to make it to work, or feel entitled to play hooky once in a while, a new survey has found.

While employers made slight progress in the last year in reducing a record level of unscheduled absences, it remains a costly problem fueled by a troubling sense that workers are burning out, according to a report released Wednesday by CCH Inc., a Chicago publishing and research firm.

The survey of human resources managers at 305 companies representing nearly 800,000 employees showed that most workers who are away from the job on short notice are not sick but are staying home because of stress, family issues, personal needs or because they simply felt they deserved a day off.

#### Only 21 percent of the absent workers were sick, down from 45 percent in 1995.

Absenteeism in U.S. workplaces declined 7 percent in the last year, after skyrocketing 25 percent the year before to a seven-year high, the 1999 CCH study said.

Despite the slight improvement, unscheduled absences cost employers an average of \$602 a year per employee, CCH said.

Midsize businesses with between 1,000 and 2,400 workers were hit hardest by increased absenteeism in the last year, noting a 51 percent increase. Small employers with 99 or fewer workers made the most progress, with a 76 percent decrease in absenteeism.

Health care was the industry suffering most from unscheduled days off, followed by universities and government.

Stress, which accounted for only 6 percent of absenteeism in 1995, jumped to 19 percent in 1999. What CCH dubbed "entitlement mentality," or a feeling by workers that they are entitled to a day off, rose from 9 percent in 1995 to 19 percent in 1999. Only 21 percent of the absent workers were sick, down from 45 percent in 1995.

"I call it the 'I've had it' and 'You owe me' mentality," said Nancy Kaylor, a human resources analyst with CCH Inc. who directed the survey. "The tight labor market plays into that entitlement mentality, too, because if there aren't enough workers to go around, the workers you do have are doing more and doing it longer."

## Marion man charged with raping 3-year-old

### 3-state investigation started by claim of Florida girl, now 8

By Steve Gravelle

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CEDAR RAPIDS — "I remember this because I keep it in my mind and I think about it," the 8-year-old girl told the investigator who asked if she was certain she'd been sexually abused when she was 3.

Her account led to the arrest this week of a 25-year-old Marion man on charges he raped

her while baby-sitting her at her Massachusetts home five years ago.

Michael E. Washburn, of 3035 18th Ave., is held in the Linn County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail. He could get a life sentence for rape of a child, according to Thomas Carroll, child abuse investigator for the Bristol County, Mass., District Attorney's Office.

Washburn also is charged with indecent assault and battery on a child.

"It was not the run-of-the-mill case," said Carroll. He said police in Florida,

where the girl moved with her family last year, called him in April. The girl disclosed the alleged abuse to her mother after efforts to treat her for a urinary infection instead brought a diagnosis of the sexually transmitted disease chlamydia.

In her April 27 interview with Carroll, the girl said she was repeatedly assaulted by Washburn over a nine- to 12-month period starting in 1993. The alleged assaults occurred when Washburn, a distant cousin, baby-sat the child in her home in New Bedford, a city of about

100,000 about 60 miles south of Boston on Massachusetts' South Shore.

The child told Carroll she pretended to be asleep when Washburn penetrated her, according to Carroll's report.

Relatives told Carroll that Washburn had moved to Iowa. According to court documents, Washburn moved to Iowa in 1995, lived with his wife and worked as a computer technician in Mount Vernon.

"I had information he may be out in that neck of the woods, and after some digging I finally contacted Detective Debban,"

said Carroll.

Detective Tina Debban, the Cedar Rapids Police Department's sex crimes investigator, contacted Washburn at his home last week. The Florida girl identified Washburn from photos taken during that interview. Washburn was arrested Monday.

Carroll said the three-state investigation was more compli-

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Michael E. Washburn Could face life sentence

## Quad Cities museum plans for 3-D IMAX

### C.R. IMAX project not hurt, says Science Station director

By Pam Hinman

Gazette staff writer

CEDAR RAPIDS — A plan unveiled Wednesday by a Quad Cities science museum to build an IMAX 3-D theater won't infringe on the Cedar Rapids Science Station's plans for an IMAX theater, according to the local museum director.

The Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science in Davenport announced it will build a 270-seat IMAX 3-D theater between the Putnam and the Davenport Museum of Art.

The theater will feature a five-story screen and will be equipped to show both 3-D and traditional 2-D films.

The audience will view 3-D films through eyeglasses that convert the super-sized screen images into realistic-looking objects and figures.

Putnam officials said the IMAX theater is set to open in the spring of 2001.

That is the same time the Science Station's 175-seat IMAX Dome theater should be opening adjacent to the center at 427 First St. SE.

Science Station Executive Director Ganesh Ganpat said organizers knew about plans for an IMAX theater in the Quad Cities. "We're very excited that IMAX will, before too long, have two theaters in the state."

Science Station Executive Director Ganesh Ganpat

"We're very excited that IMAX will, before too long, have two theaters in the state," he said.

As for competition that the 3-D theater will pose for the smaller, dome-shaped Cedar Rapids theater, Ganpat said he isn't worried. "We think it will be a good synergy," he said.

Ganpat said there will be an exclusivity provision to prevent the opening of other IMAX theaters within a specified distance of the Science Station theater, but it won't exclude the Davenport theater.

He added that when Science Station planners learned the Putnam Museum was also looking to build a theater, IMAX officials were contacted to ensure that the Cedar Rapids theater could still be a successful venture.

"They are no major concerns to keep us from being a viable facility," Ganpat said.

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## Tumey: Twin describes brother's mental illness

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paranoid schizophrenia and told how her brother turned ill in his 20s and even then required medication to control himself. She recalled him telling her how snakes and bugs would come out of the shower head, how his face would dissolve in mirrors when he looked and how sometimes he would look in the mirror and others were looking back. He long has thought someone was after him, she said.

Paranoid schizophrenics hear voices that aren't real and see things that aren't real, she testified.

"You feel you are someone you are not," she said. "Or you could be several people who live within you."

Often, Deanna Tumey said, an onlooker has no idea about the hallucinations and delusions. Paranoid schizophrenics "are listening to other people, but they don't tell you that," she said.

Yes, she answered defense attorney Norton, those who are ill like her brother can think things happened that didn't.

"That's the hallmark of paranoid schizophrenia and delusional thinking," she said.

Yes, she told Norton, it is possible her brother thinks he did something he did not do.

Deanna Tumey's behavior had become so bizarre to his family by the time of the Pittman murder 19 years ago, his sister didn't think Tumey had murdered anyone when he told her a girl had been strangled.

Deanna Tumey, told by her mother that her brother was sleeping with a machete under his pillow, said she thought he was revealing plans to murder her.

"And I was scared," she testified. "Yes, scared that I might be hurt."

She said her mother also had said her brother had stopped taking medicine to control his mental illness. It was apparent, she said, he was ill.



Sandra Jo Pittman  
17-year-old  
killed in 1980

"If he was sleeping with a machete under his pillow, I don't think he was in his right mind," Deanna Tumey said.

The family didn't suspect Dean Tumey actually could have been the killer until they were told he walked into the Fairfield Police Department in 1990 and confessed.

Defense attorney Norton has noted that Tumey was committed to a hospital hours later.

He also confessed to the Marshall County Attorney's Office in 1992.

So far, in two days of testimony, lead prosecutor Richard Phillips, Muscatine County Attorney, and his associate Ostergren have made these points:

- Tumey's mother, Marie, 90, who was recently placed in a nursing home and is unable to appear, testified via a 1990 deposition that she saw her son wash out the trunk of his car on Sept. 18, the day after the Pittman murder and the day he left home and Iowa for some weeks.

- Ron Neels, who lived, fished and even tried selling ditchweed marijuana with Dean Tumey in the late summer of 1980, told jurors that Tumey showed up at his apartment to shave, cut his hair and shower in the wee hours of a morning around the time of the murder. Neels said Tumey explained that police were after him. Neels also testified that Tumey, then 34, said he once had had sexual relations with the 17-year-old Pittman.

Outside of court Wednesday, Neels said he believed Tumey, who is now 54, murdered Pittman because he found out she didn't really like him.

The defense has worked to show that Tumey's mother told

prosecutors that her son was at her home in Muscatine when she called it from another son's Quad Cities home about 9:30 p.m. Sept. 16 and again about 9:30 a.m. Sept. 17.

Pittman left a Catholic Worker House shelter with a man at about 1:30 p.m. Sept. 16 and was murdered and dumped in Cedar County in the early morning hours of Sept. 17.

A resident of the shelter at the time helped create a sketch of the man she saw Pittman leaving with.

Neels looked at the sketch on the witness stand Wednesday and said it looked like Damon Cory, who had slept with Pittman for a couple weeks that summer in the rooming house where Neels, Cory, Tumey and others resided. Cory threw Pittman out of his place when he found out she was still seeing another boyfriend, one whom Neels testified she felt threatened by.

Cory testified he was in Missouri at the time of the murder.

Twin sister Deanna Tumey, unlike her mother, did not see Dean Tumey clean out his car trunk the day after the murder. Nor could she recall that he had removed some fishing items from the trunk, as her mother said.

But she said she still keeps some fish hooks her brother once gave her.

"I still have them. I saved them," she said. Then, with tears in her eyes and looking over at her brother at the defense table, she reached for a tissue.

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## FBI to restart spy probe

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A three-year FBI investigation of an alleged Chinese spy at Los Alamos National Laboratory has been so mismanaged that the bureau plans to totally restart the high-profile probe by examining more than 500 potential suspects at scores of sites across the country, government officials said Wednesday.

The vastly expanded inquiry will start by screening all individuals who had access to design secrets about America's most sophisticated thermonuclear weapon, the submarine-launched W-88 warhead, officials said. That includes personnel at other Energy Department labs and facilities, the Defense Department, the U.S. Navy and private contractors, such as Lockheed Martin Corp.

The dramatic shift in the investigation is a major embarrassment for the FBI, which had focused on former Los Alamos nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee as its only espionage suspect since the "Kindred Spirit" investigation began in 1996. Lee has not been charged with a crime, and officials said the probe has stalled for lack of evidence.

Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh met with Energy Secretary Bill Richardson on Tuesday to personally deliver the unexpected news, and Freeh or his aides appeared Wednesday in closed-door briefings before the Senate intelligence committee and other congressional panels. The White House also was briefed.

One official who attended a briefing said the original allegation

— that a Chinese spy had penetrated Los Alamos and stolen W-88 secrets for Beijing — has effectively evaporated. The charge was the subject of frightening national headlines and near-daily congressional hearings last spring.

"I think they're basically saying: 'Perhaps this never happened,'" the official said. He added that FBI and Justice Department officials who conducted the classified briefings were unable to answer many of the lawmakers' questions.

"It's like a deer caught in the headlights," the official said of the FBI. "They don't know whether to go forward or backward."

Officials said the FBI will add more agents and other investigative resources in an attempt to jump-start the probe.

## Weather futures debut on Chicago Merc

CHICAGO (AP) — Investors can literally bet on the weather now.

Weather futures made their debut Wednesday on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, enabling investors to speculate on what the temperature is going to be in four U.S. cities.

Utilities, insurance companies and other businesses with a lot riding on the weather can use the futures to hedge their risk.

A utility, for example, might seek to protect itself from a milder-than-normal winter, which would hold down sales of electricity for heating homes and businesses. A peach grower in Georgia might want to protect a crop from frost damage.

The Chicago Merc, where investors buy and sell futures and options contracts on everything from milk to Treasury bonds, says weather affects 20 percent

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of the \$9 trillion U.S. economy.

Anyone else determined enough to bet on next year's weather can do it, too. A Farmer's Almanac is optional — all you need to "play" the weather is a commodity brokerage account and a bankroll.

At \$100 for each point change in the weather index, the stakes can mount up quickly.

"Weather touches just about all parts of the economy," from retail sales to utilities to insurance, said Pete Barker, vice president of the exchange. "Now it's possible to do something about that by taking a position on how warm or cold it's going to be."

But after mixed results with previous innovations — contracts on brine shrimp and Rus-

sian ruble futures bombed, euro-dollar and Standard & Poor's 500 index futures have boomed — exchange officials are braced for a potentially chilly reception. "Sometimes they work and sometimes they don't," Barker admitted.

Weather futures already have been trading on the over-the-counter market for the past two years. The investment is known as a "derivative" because its value is derived from an underlying asset. Instead of being based on swings in a foreign currency, stock index or interest rate, this investment is related to the temperature.

Investors place their "bets" on the average temperature in four U.S. cities: Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati or New York. Plans call for later adding Dallas, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., and Tucson, Ariz.

## Rape: Marion man charged

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cated than most. "It made it a little more difficult to find out where he was," he said.

Massachusetts' statute of limitations on sex crimes against children runs for 10 years after an alleged victim's 16th birthday.

At an extradition hearing Tuesday, Washburn was given another month to consult his court-appointed attorney. Linn County has also filed felony

charges of fleeing from justice against Washburn, who sometimes uses the name Michael Groom. It was not clear what those charges were based on.

Even if Washburn's extradition goes smoothly, Carroll said it could take another year for him to come to trial.

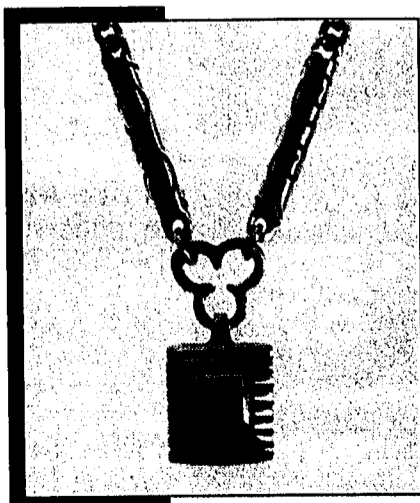
"We have 100-some-odd trials in these cases a year," he said.

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