

Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney To Request Special Prosecutor In Woodworth Case
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The latest legal maneuver prior to a possible third murder trial for Mark Woodworth of Chillicothe involves a request from the Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney.



Last week, a Platte County Judge removed the Attorney general's office from prosecuting the case; then it was assigned to the Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney since the 1990 crime occurred in near Chillicothe.

Online court records show Prosecuting Attorney Adam Warren has submitted a request to the court to withdraw from the case and he asked for the courts' consideration of a special prosecutor. The associated press reports Warren wants to be removed because of social media postings suggesting he has a conflict of interest.

Yesterday, attorneys for Woodworth filed a motion objecting to the requested appointment of a Special prosecutor. A hearing before Judge Owens Lee Hull Junior in Platte County Circuit Court is scheduled February 14th.

Besides a count of first degree murder, Woodworth faces four other charges: first degree burglary, first degree assault, and two counts of armed criminal action, all from the 1990 incidents that involved the shooting death of Catherine Robertson and wounding of her husband Lyndell. Woodworth is free on bond awaiting trial. He was convicted twice with those verdicts overturned on appeals.