

Callao's former superintendent sentenced to prison on murder charges

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A former superintendent at Callao and an acquaintance, have each been sentenced to life in prison with the connection with the murder of the former school official's husband. Fifty-seven year old Elain Kay Young of Novinger and 58-year old Katherine Mock of Cassville were convicted, in March, of the murder of Young's husband, Melvin Griesbauer of Novinger in March 2006.

Authorities claim that the murder was committed so that Young could collect on her husband's insurance policies. Both of the women were found guilty on one count each of conspiracy to commit murder for hire and one felony count of murder for hire, after a six-day trial in U.S. District Court at St. Louis.

United States Attorney Richard Callahan worked on the six year old case:

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Young was the Callao School District Superintendent from 1999 to 2003. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that during the trial, prosecutors also claimed that Young murdered her mother and tried to have two previous husbands killed, though no charges were ever filed. Callahan says his office is not involved in investigating those claims:

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That is the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, Richard Callahan.