





Jury return to consider verdict in Cervi trial

A JURY will consider their verdicts for a second day in the Central Criminal Court trial of a 36-year-old man accused of murdering a gym-goer and the attempted murder of well-known coach Pete Taylor and another man at Bray Boxing Club.

The jury panel of six men and six women has so far spent one hour and 47 minutes considering their verdicts, having been sent out to commence their deliberations at 2.13pm yesterday.

Addressing the jury at 4pm, Ms Justice Karen O'Connor said she was inviting them to stop their deliberations for the evening and return to the Central Criminal Court



INJURED: Bray Boxing Gvm's Pete Tavlor

today at 10.30am. Gerard Cervi, from East Wall, Dublin 3, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Robert Messett at Bray Boxing Club, Bray Harbour, Co Wicklow, on June 5, 2018. He also pleaded not guilty to the attempted murders of Mr Taylor and Ian Britton on the same date.

Training

The trial heard that a group of people had assembled at the boxing club in the early hours for a training session when a gunman appeared at the door and opened fire. Mr Taylor and Mr Britton were injured while Mr Messett died instantly.

Before sending the jurors out yesterday, Ms Justice O'Connor said it was open to them to acquit or convict the accused on all or any of the counts. She asked them to be unanimous in their verdicts.

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she can never forgive her brother Andyafter he was found guilty of her husband John Cash's killing earlier this week.

On Tuesday Andy Cash, who was on trial for murder, was found guilty of the man-slaughter of his brother-in-law John 'Johnny Cash (40) at Hebron Road, Kilkenny City,

on May 3rd, 2022. Speaking from her home following the verdict Elizabeth (42) said she can never forgive her brother, and says she never wants to see him again.

"He showed no remorse for me, for my husband, for my children. So I could never ever forgive and I could never ever say that he's my brother. "He's dead to me," she said.

"If Andy died I wouldn't even go to his funeral and that's the honest truth. That's the way I feel because he betrayed me and

Andy Cash took the stand in his own trial

which heard how he believed that his wife had "cheated" on him in the past with John Cash, and that he was "out of his head on tablets" on the day of the killing.

EXCLUSIVE

■ Paul **HEALY**

Crime Journalist of the Year

During the trial, Andy agreed with the prosecuting counsel that he gave John Cash a good thumping" while he was on the ground but denied stabbing him, telling the court that John Cash had "ducked" out of the knife's way.

Speaking today Elizabeth, who witnessed the entire ordeal, told how she saw her husband drop to the ground before he said what would be his final words to her.

"When my husband was on the ground and he was dying he told me that he couldn't breathe.

"His lungs were filling up. There were peo-

ple there that gave me a bottle of Coke and used it to wet his lips but he didn't drink it.

PAIN NEVER GOES AWAY: Elizabeth is

beloved husband

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"Then the paramedics and the gardai came and I was pushed out of the way while they worked on him. When we went to the hospital I didn't realise that he was

already dead before he got there," she said.

Elizabeth told this paper that she was disappointed with the verdict.

Twas disappointed by the verdict. Everything was there, there's CCTV footage, the knife that was there, the guards that came on the scene and caught him on the scene.

"I was there, my 15 year old daughter was there and we gave our evidence in the witness box.

"We got manslaughter for something that

was done in broad daylight."

Elizabeth said she, her husband and her daughter were going shopping when the incident happened in the middle of the street.

"We were going into Aldi to get a bit of shopping and we were going to get the 2 o'clock train up to Dublin because he wanted to see a solicitor about his licence and then he wanted to go see his sister. Sadly it didn't work out that way.



LLED HER HUSBAND



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'He's the only man that I ever loved... my life is just empty now'



Elizabeth, who says she's now doing her best to raise her kids amid the horror they are going through, says she now fears for her own safety following the incident.

"I'm afraid of my life. I am living in fear. "I am very very hurt. To do something like that to me, to leave me with no hus band, no father for the kids, and he had four grandsons and there's more grandkids on the way since he passed.

"I feel that my life is empty. He's the first man, the only man that I ever loved and the only man that I was ever with.

"He (Andy) just ruined my whole life

Elizabeth says she did her best to try and save her husband, and says the memory of seeing him die on the ground stays with her to this day.

"I was there for the whole thing. I was trying to save him and my 15 year old daughter was there.

"The memory will never leave me. Sometimes I wake up from nightmares and I'm sweating. I could be awake for hours before I go back to sleep.

"My daughter says the same thing. It never leaves her; she keeps getting flash-backs and has panic attacks."

Paying tribute to her husband, Elizabeth said he was a hard worker - and being in a now almost empty home that has o many memories of him is very difficult.

"Everybody loved him. He was jolly going, he was always in good old form before his mother passed.

"He'd loads of friends. He would just

light up a room when you walk in.

husband adored his kids and he didn't want to



young man of 40 years of age. Elizabeth also addressed the allegation that came up in the trial that her husband had had an affair with Andy Cash's wife.

'10 years ago my husband went down to the pub and Andy's wife was in the pub.

"Ever since that he just had that bitterness against my husband. My husband swore to me in the chapel that he hadn't got anything to do with his wife.

Knife

"But that was in Andy's head.

"I never thought it would get that serious. I never thought he'd use a knife to

"What did he achieve by doing it? He broke me and my kids and left them without a father," she said.

Elizabeth said she doesn't want to see her brother ever again - and ultimately does not care what his fate is.

"I don't want to see Andy at all. I'd have too much to say, I'd prefer not to see him. Even if he apologised it would mean

nothing. I mean why now? The harm has been done and it can't bring back my husband.

"I have to carry this weight on my shoulders. I have to keep alive. I am the kids' protector. It's very hard," she said.

"To be honest I couldn't care where Andy Cash goes. It wouldn't bother me what happened Andy.

"He didn't care about me, my kids and my grandchildren. I should be ashamed to call him my brother to be honest," she

During his trial Andy Cash said that while John Cash was on the ground he heard a comment that made him "get a rush of anger" and that he "lost control"

The jury heard evidence that John Cash went into cardiac arrest after the attack and a postmortem examination found he had sustained two stab wounds, with the cause of death recorded as a pentration of the heart.



'LEAVE IRELAND : Violent Laszlo Nemeth

Man who knifed wife five times on Xmas Day jailed

■ Olivia **KELLEHER**

A HUNGARIAN man has been jailed for four and a half years and ordered to leave Ireland upon his release from prison never to return after he stabbed his wife five times in the back on Christmas Day in 2021.

Laszlo Nemeth, who previously had an address in Cork, appeared before the Circuit Criminal Court in the city.

He appeared yesterday in connection with the incident at Glen North, Banteer, Co Cork.

During the course of the attack, the former soldier and qualified pilot chased his son around the garden with an axe and assaulted him. He also threatened to kill his wife, son and his son's partner Klaudia Borz.

In a victim impact statement Klaudia said she would never forget seeing Eva Nemeth, the mother of her partner, covered in blood.

Wounds

She said: "When we are watching a movie, we don't even think about what it is like when someone is dying in your hands.

"But now, when I see a scene like that in a movie I always remember Eva's words when we lay on the ground while I pressed a jumper on her back to lower the bleed-

And when she says that she won't survive this, and that she is bleeding out. Those moments haunt me in my dreams."

Judge James McCourt heard Nemeth was estranged from his wife and have since divorced.

Nemeth pleaded guilty to two counts of assault causing harm, two of producing weapons and one of threatening to kill his wife, son and his son's