

Teen awaiting trial for parents' murder

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
CITY EDITOR

During Adam Sapikowski's most recent court appearance in July, a Superior Court judge approved a motion to request the results of a psychological evaluation of the teen's father.

Public Defender James Williams, the attorney for the teen being charged with the murder of his parents, requested the exam, which was a part of the records for James Sapikowski's divorce.

The 17-year-old was indicted by a grand jury earlier this summer on two counts of first degree murder for the shooting of James Sapikowski, 52, and Alison Sapikowski, 49.

Adam Sapikowski confessed

May 14 to killing his parents at their Chapel Hill home.

During the two weeks prior to his confession, Adam Sapikowski checked in and out of a Durham Marriott hotel.

At the June 6 court appearance, bond was denied for Adam Sapikowski.

Williams requested then that bond be set at \$150,000 for each charge — for a total of \$300,000 — arguing that relevant circumstances do not support a first-degree murder charge.

He indicated that elements of physical and emotional abuse might have provoked the killings.

But the request was denied due to concerns such as the absence of

a legal caretaker and that the youth could be a flight risk.

Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall said at that date that he believed the murders occurred April 28 — about two weeks before the bodies were found. Other details about the case emerged at that point as well.

Woodall told the court that an SUV was found in the Sapikowski's garage packed full with food, camping gear and the shotgun used in the murders.

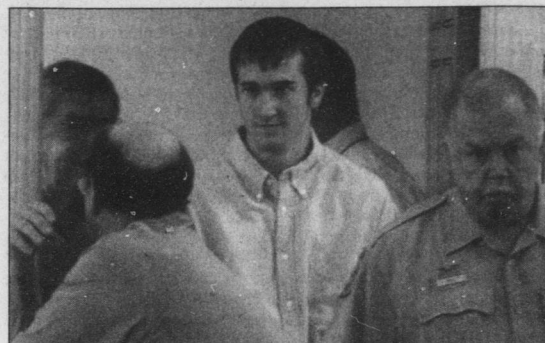
Woodall said that in addition, Adam Sapikowski had access to \$19,000 in a checking account and had asked a friend to leave town with him.

The investigation began after a

relative contacted law enforcement when she had not been able to reach the family in more than a week.

Adam Sapikowski's girlfriend led officers to the hotel. He was brought back to the 29 Whitley Drive home. The bodies were found wrapped in blankets inside the house. Shotgun shells were found on the floor nearby.

Adam Sapikowski is due back in court Sept. 21. Superior Court Judge Wade Barber told both sides in July that the court expects discovery to be completed at that time and said any pretrial motions need to be filed by Sept. 10.



DTH FILE/BRANDON SMITH

Adam Sapikowski, center, at a bond hearing June 6 in Hillsborough. With no one willing to act as his legal guardian, the judge denied him bail.

Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.

great bites great bites great bites great bites great bites

great bites

Since when does "fresh" mean "it just recently came out of the can"?

We're not happy with the state of affairs in our business. Somewhere along the way, the word FRESH has lost its meaning. But not at Armadillo Grill. We start with fresh fruits and vegetables. Everything is right from the garden, just like it's supposed to be!

120 E. Main Street
Carrboro, NC
929.4669

Duke University
Bryan Center, Durham, NC
660.3937

493 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC
546.0555

ARMADILLO GRILL
A taste as big as Texas!

MAMA DIP'S KITCHEN
"PUT A TASTE OF THE SOUTH IN YOUR MOUTH"

COUNTRY BREAKFAST INCLUDING
FRIED GREEN TOMATOES • SWEET POTATO BISCUITS
SWEET POTATO WAFFLES • CHICKEN & GRAVY

PLUS DAILY SPECIALS FOR LUNCH & DINNER

TAKE HOME DINNER PACKAGES
PINTS & QUARTS OF VEGGIES, CASSEROLES & MEAT
PIES, CAKES, COBBLERS & BANANA PUDDING.
"SWEET TEA AS FAMOUS AS OUR CHICKEN"

HOURS: 8AM - 10PM MON-SAT | 8AM - 9PM SUN

408 W. ROSEMARY
CHAPEL HILL
919.942.5837

MAMADIPS.COM

Franklin Street Pizza and Pasta
Hunan Chinese Restaurant
Tandoor Indian Restaurant
Carolina Coffee Shop
Mediterranean Deli
Buffalo Wild Wings
Zorba's Restaurant
Cat Head Brewery
Italian Pizzeria III
I Love NY Pizza
Burrito Bunker
Japan Express
Ba-Da Wings
Los Potrillos
Jade Palace
Hector's
Subway
J & J's Deli
India Palace
Elmo's Diner
Ben & Jerry's
Pepper's Pizza
Sakura Express
McAlister's Deli
Owens 501 Diner
Hun's Restaurant
Mellow Mushroom
W.B. Yeats Irish Pub
Mama Dip's Kitchen
Bandido's Mexican Cafe
Aladdin's Grill and Catering
Tsing Tao Chinese Restaurant
Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant

Tarheel Take-Out Express

919-942-7678
www.tarheeltakeout.com
Visit our menus and order online

We Deliver for over thirty restaurants in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Delivery is \$3.99 for the first restaurant, \$1.75 each additional restaurant.

We Accept Visa, Mastercard American Express Discover UNC ONE Card UNC Hospital Resident Meal Cards

Parents: This is a great way to remember students for tests, birthdays and other occasions. Call us for more information, or check out our website for all of our gifts and restaurant menus.

Award-winning Dining Since 1977

chapel hill restaurant group

Since 1977

SPANKY'S RESTAURANT & BAR

A Chapel Hill Tradition Since 1977

101 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill • 967.2678 • spankysrestaurant.com
Lunch • Dinner • Late Night • Sunday Brunch

- Burgers • BBQ • Ribs
- Healthy Salads
- Signature Sandwiches

- Fresh Seafood
- Oyster Bar • Patio
- Oyster Happy Hour 4-6pm

Squid's Restaurant & Oyster Bar

Best Overall Restaurant in Chapel Hill
— 2004 Chapel Hill News Rose Award

15-501 Bypass at Elliott Rd., Chapel Hill • 942.8757
squidsrestaurant.com • Dinner Nightly

four eleven west

ITALIAN CAFE

411 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill
967.2782 • 411west.com
Lunch Tues-Sat • Dinner Nightly
Sunday Brunch

Fresh seasonal pasta, nightly seafood specials, steaks, wood-fired pizzas, dessert, cappuccino bar and much more.

Best Italian Restaurant in the Triangle
— Independent Weekly readers

five eighteen west

ITALIAN CAFE

518 W. Jones St., Raleigh • 829.2518 • 518west.com
Lunch Mon-Sat • Dinner Nightly
Sunday Brunch

Welcome Back Tar Heels!

KANKI

JAPANESE HOUSE OF STEAKS & SUSHI

Dine in - Take out - Gift Certificates

3504 MT. MORIAH ROAD • Durham • 401-6908
(Exit 270 off I-40. North on 15-501, first intersection past I-40)

CRABTREE VALLEY MALL • 4325 Glenwood Avenue • Raleigh • 782-9708
NORTH MARKET SQUARE • 4500 Old Wake Forest Road • Raleigh • 876-4157

kanki.com