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Defense Attorneys Take Over in Peel Trial; Cite Lack of Evidence

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RECHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — Defense attorneys began their full-out assault Thursday in an effort to prove that John Kenneth Peel did not kill a fishing boat's eight crew members, or at least that prosecutors don't know who did.

Philip Paul Weidner, Peel's counsel, has projected a month of testimony for the September 1982 killings in Craig of Alaska and from Courtland, their two children and four two- to six-year-old children, the vessel, investor.

Before kicking off the defense in Reckikan Superior Court, Weidner said he planned to focus his case on evidence pointing away from Peel that on proving the prosecution circumstantial

killings on him. "There's a number of situations. We do not know who killed them," Weidner said.

Witnesses will show that what prosecutors call circumstantial evidence against Peel "is in fact no evidence," Weidner said.

Peel, 36, has pleaded innocent to the charges of murder and arson in the case.

Distilling alibis and incrimination from witnesses' memories nearly four years after the crime took place is the greatest challenge to both sides of the case, attorneys for the prosecution and defense said during interviews at the procedural midpoint of the trial, now in its 18th week.

Prosecutors rested their case Saturday, and attorneys wrangled over procedural issues Monday before Judge Thomas Schulz.

"We've been handicapped by the tremendous amount of time between the crime and when we were arrested," Weidner said.

More Cyanide Found In Anacin-3 Capsule

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AUBURN, Wash. (AP) — Cyanide discovered in a bottle of Anacin-3 capsules during a random check has prompted authorities in the Washington suburb to remove all capsule medications from other shelves and warn area residents not to use capsules of any kind.

Earlier this month, the deaths of two Auburn residents were blamed on cyanide-laced Extra-Strength Excedrin capsules.

Stores in south King County were removing such products from their shelves.

Auburn police Chief Lake Evans said at a news conference late Tuesday the bottle of Anacin-3 was pulled from a Pay 'N Save store in a north Auburn part of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's random checks.

"These capsules were ... routinely analyzed, on set of a random basis, just to check," Evans said. "Cyanide was preliminarily specified and was identified."

Evans said he could give no further details on the manner in which the bottle was found.

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Job Seekers Warned Not to Look at Alaska

ANCHORAGE (AP) — The state Department of Labor has begun a national direct mail campaign aimed at knocking down rumors about job opportunities in Alaska this summer.

Brochures are being sent to every newspaper, radio and television station in the country, according to Don Wilson, deputy director of the agency's division of labor standards and safety.

"The brochures warn potential job seekers to disregard the bogus, indisputable employment agencies, he said."

"Every year when the construction season starts up, we get calls from people in the Lower 48 who read papers or trade journals about the hundreds of jobs we've got up here," Wilson said in a telephone interview.

"This year we're getting flooded. More calls. Earlier calls."

"It's outside our jurisdiction," he said, responding to a question about bringing criminal charges against the agencies.

"All I can do is try to get the attorney general of that state or the Postal Service on it, but by the time they do that, they're gone," Wilson said.

"Most of the inquiries are coming from people in Oklahoma and Texas, states the Alaska where economies have been hurt by sharp declines in oil prices."

"The job shops," as Wilson calls them, charge anywhere from \$50 to \$500 to process an inquiry, he said. "You could get that kind of information from us for nothing."