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Plattsburgh, N.Y. Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie announced that Kathryn A. Shoemaker was sentenced by Hon. Kevin K. Ryan to Life without Parole upon her conviction following a jury trial held in March earlier this year.

Kathryn A. Shoemaker, dob: 11/23/75, formerly of 776 County Route 52, Chateaugay, New York, was found guilty after trial of Murder First Degree and six counts of Grand Larceny Third Degree. Shoemaker was charged in October 2009 with stealing six checks from Ravin Miller's business account for a total amount of \$35,882.50 during June through August 10, 2009 and intentionally killing Mr. Miller in his home on August 19, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. by placing a ligature around his neck and strangling him to death to prevent him from reporting the stolen money to the police.



The four week trial was presided over by Hon. Kevin K. Ryan. Shoemaker was represented by Greg Laduke of Keeseville, New York.

Judge Ryan made strong comments towards Shoemaker as to his basis for imposing the life without parole sentence.

Ravin Miller's sister, Sharon Mulcher spoke on behalf of the Miller family and friends who were present in the courtroom to see the defendant sentenced.

Shoemaker did not make any comments at sentencing. Her attorney's stated that any comments would be saved for another time and place,

making reference to the Notice of Appeal he filed on behalf of the defendant following sentencing being imposed.

The dedication and professionalism shown by the Troop B NYSP Violent Crimes Investigation Team, and the NYSP Bureau of Criminal Investigators, the NYS Troopers, the NYSP Crime Lab, Dr. Sikirica, John Sardone of the F.B.I. and all other agencies involved in both the investigation and at trial, were instrumental in ensuring a successful prosecution that brought Mr. Miller's killer to justice.

District Attorney Wylie indicated that he was extremely pleased with sentence imposed by Judge Ryan. "The defendant's actions were cold, and calculated. She set out a premeditated course of action to kill Ravin Miller when Mr. Miller discovered she stole in excess of \$35,000.00 from him". The defendant's actions have impacted not only the Miller family, but the communities of Churubusco, Ellenburg and Chateaugay.

Assistant District Attorney Douglas Collyer and District Attorney Andrew Wylie prosecuted the defendant.