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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH**

STATE OF IDAHO

Plaintiff,

V.

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

Defendant.

CASE NUMBER CR29-22-0002805

**MOTION TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE
OF PRESS COVERAGE**

COMES NOW, Bryan C. Kohberger, by and through their attorney, Jay Weston Logsdon, Chief Deputy Litigation, and hereby moves this honorable Court to take judicial notice of the press coverage of this case. No hearing is required for a court to take judicial notice of publicly available media coverage that is not subject to reasonable dispute. I.R.E. 201(b)(2). Courts have routinely taken judicial notice of things like webpages and social media postings. *See, Al -Ahmed v. Twitter, Inc.,*

603 F. Supp. 3d 857, 869 (N.D. Cal. 2022), *appeal dismissed*, 2022 WL 4352712 (9th Cir. 2022); *BYD Company Ltd. v. Alliance for American Manufacturing*, 554 F. Supp. 3d 1, 13 (D.D.C. 2021); *Williams v. PMA Cos., Inc.*, 419 F. Supp. 3d 471, 484 (N.D. N.Y. 2019).

Although Mr. Kohberger notes this Court may simply take judicial notice on its own of any press coverage it is aware of (I.R.E. 201(c)(1)), he specifically requests the Court consider the attached articles:

- A. Caitlin Hornik, *Capital Punishment: Families of Bryan Kohberger's 'victims' will seek death penalty for Idaho murders suspect and speak out on 'plea deal'*, THE US SUN (May 29, 2023);
- B. Madeline Coggins, *'Parallels of Evil': Ted Bundy Survivors Speak Out, Linking Their Gruesome Attacks to Bryan Kohberger's*, FOX NEWS.COM (May 28, 2023);
- C. Stephanie Pagonis, *Accused Idaho Killer Bryan Kohberger's Body Language Compared to Lee Harvey Oswald*, NEW YORK POST (May 23, 2023);
- D. Cheri Mossburg, et al., *Here's Why Idaho Student Murder Suspect Bryan Kohberger May Have Chosen to 'Stand Silent' in Court, Experts Say*, CNN (May 23, 2023);
- E. Fatma Khaled, *Idaho Murder Victim's Father Has a Warning for Bryan Kohberger*, NEWSWEEK (May 12, 2023);
- F. Melissa Koenig, *'If They Are In Over Their Heads, Then Acknowledge That': More than Six Weeks After Idaho Murders, Kaylee Goncalves' Family Lawyer Questions If Police are "Capable"*, DAILY MAIL ONLINE (Dec. 19, 2023);

G. John Webb, *Goncalves Family Attorney Speaks out on 1 Month Anniversary of Murders,*

KHQ (Dec. 13, 2022).

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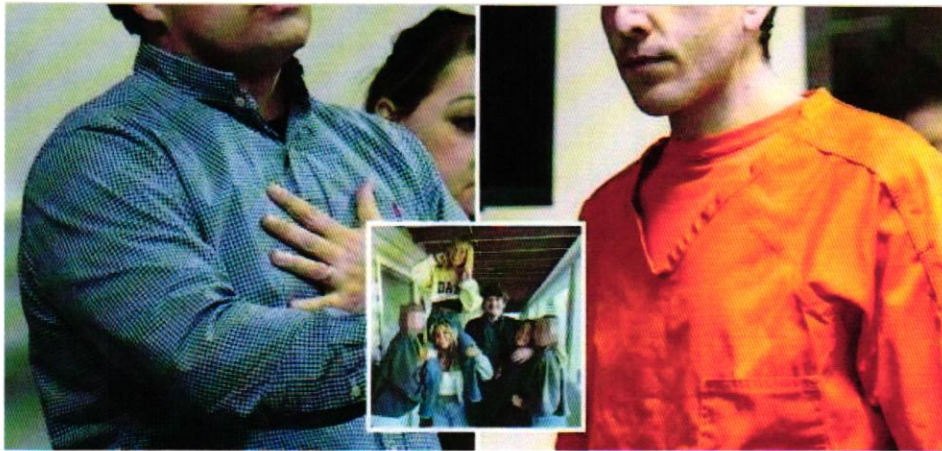


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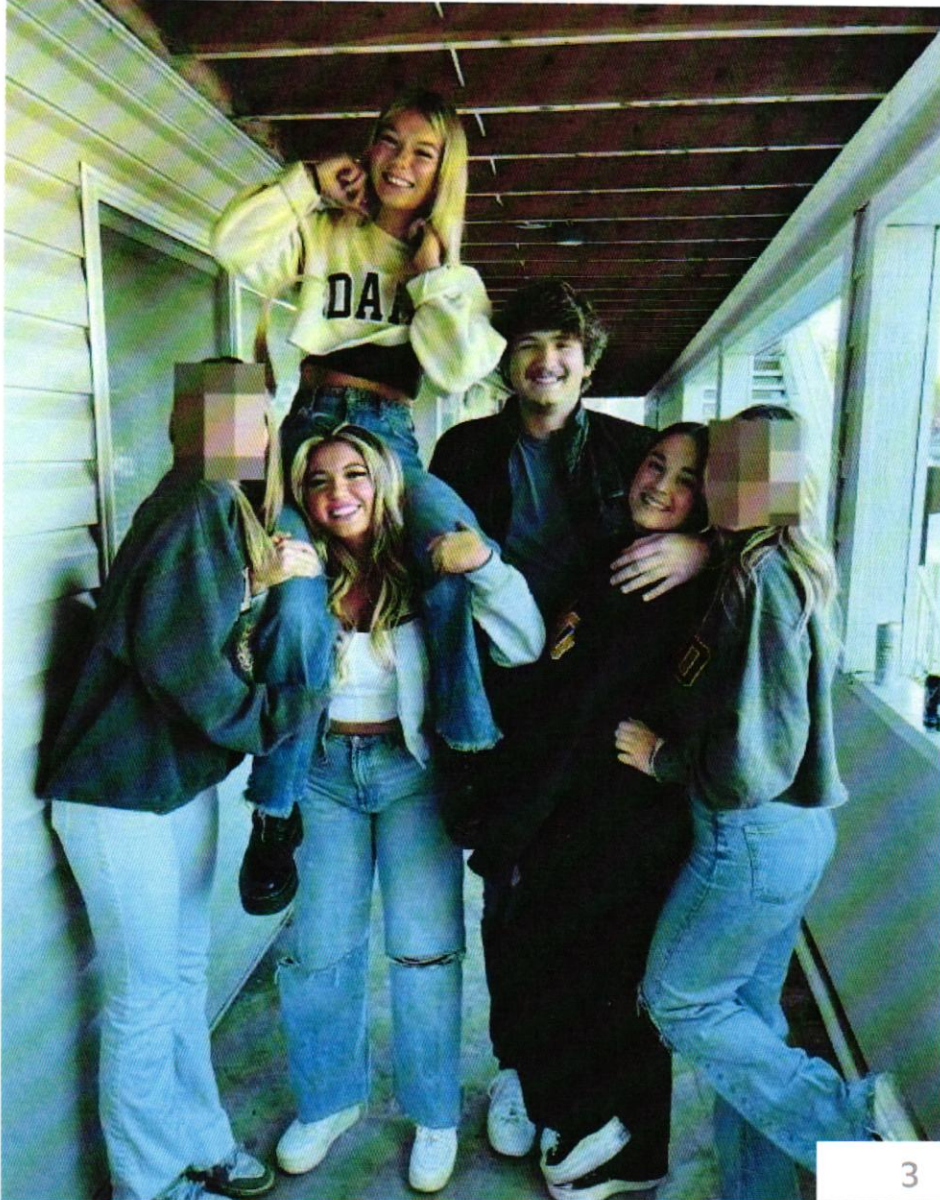
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT Families of Bryan Kohberger's 'victims' will seek death penalty for Idaho murders suspect and speak out on 'plea deal'

Caitlin Hornik

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THE families of two victims of Idaho murders suspect Bryan Kohberger have shared that they will seek the death penalty in the case against him.



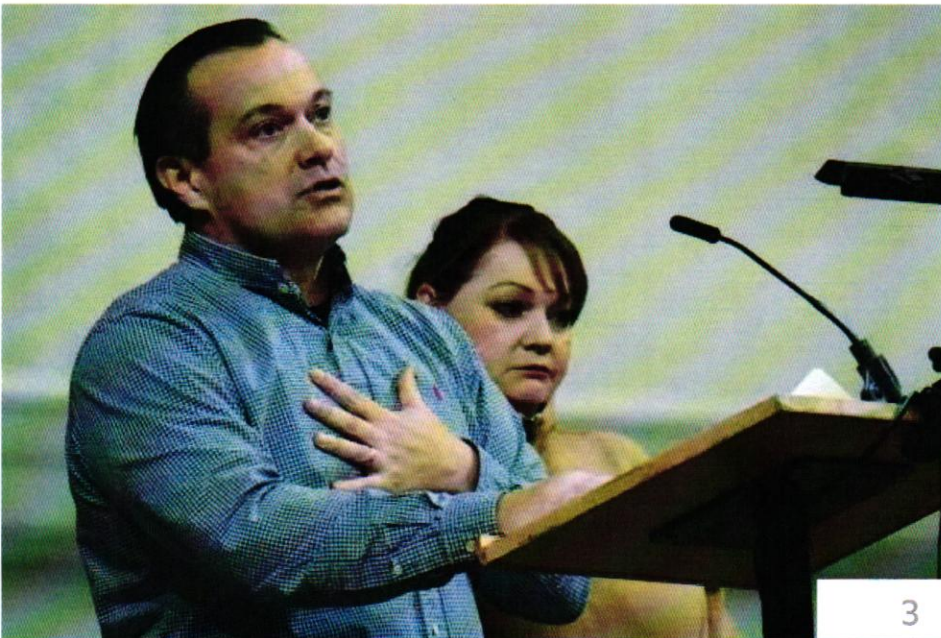


Friends Kaylee Goncalves (top), Madison Mogen, Ethan Chapin, and Xana Kernodle (right) were stabbed to death in their Moscow, Idaho home in November Credit: Instagram





Bryan Kohberger pleaded not guilty to the quadruple murder earlier in May Credit: AP:Associated Press



Steve Goncalves' daughter Kaylee was one of the four slain students Credit: AP:Associated Press

The families of [Goncalves](#) and [Megan](#) have filed notices

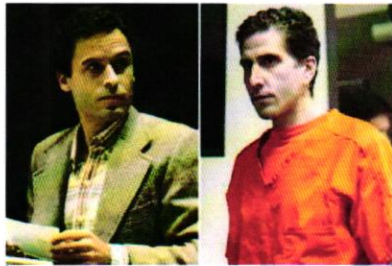


So, the Goncalves family obviously supports the death penalty in this case,” Shanon Gray, the Goncalves family attorney, told [NewsNation](#).

“They want justice for the deaths of their daughter and Maddie, and Xana and Ethan,” Gray said.

“It’s part of the process. You know, the tort claims notice that I filed is just standard procedure.

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“That’s something that has to be filed to protect the interests not only of the families but the victims and the community.”

Meanwhile, Gray shared that the families are looking to take legal action against the city of Moscow, [Idaho](#), where the killings took place.

Filings dated May 3 and May 11 by the Goncalves and Mogen families revealed that they could sue the city for damages, according to documents obtained by [ABC News](#).





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"Filing a tort claims notice is really just a safeguard," Gray told ABC News.

"It's a safeguard to protect the interests of the families, the victims and really the whole community around, because if something goes wrong, or was done improperly, then someone is held accountable for that."

Similar claims have been filed with Washington State University, the University of Idaho and Idaho State Police, Gray told ABC News.

"Those aren't meant to do anything other than protect the interests of the families and the victims moving forward," Gray said.

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attorney Anne Taylor as he was escorted into the courtroom.

After being asked if he understood the charges and penalties, the accused killer firmly replied, "Yes," to Judge John Judge.

Kohberger sat unemotional as Judge read the names of each victim one at a time as he announced the four first-degree murder charges against him.

When asked for his plea, Kohberger remained silent.

Taylor rose and said, "Your honor, we are standing silent," and the judge then entered not guilty pleas for him.

When a defendant stands silent in court, they are exercising their right to remain silent.

The families of Mogen and Goncalves were also in the courtroom, according to Idaho Statesman reporter [Angela Palermo](#), who was in court for the arraignment.

A trial date has been set for October 2, and it is expected to last about six weeks.

Following the arraignment, the judge held a hearing regarding the strict gag order prohibiting police officials or attorneys from speaking to the media about the case.

Judge did not make any decisions on the gag order and set another hearing for June 9 to address it.

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held in an Idaho jail since he was arrested at his parent's residence in Monroe County, [Pennsylvania](#), on December 30, 2022.

Prior to the slaying, investigators said Kohberger visited the house on King Road 12 times dating back to June 2022.

Kohberger's visits were typically in the late evening or early morning hours, court documents said.

During the early morning hours of November 13, 2022, investigators said Kohberger sneaked into the three-floor house undetected via a sliding glass door.

The 28-year-old then allegedly brutally stabbed Mogen and Goncalves to death in a second-floor bedroom, and proceeded to kill Kernodle and Chapin in their third-floor room.

The case went unsolved for over a month until investigators announced Kohberger's arrest.

Investigators linked the 28-year-old suspect to the crime scene after they matched his DNA on a knife sheath left behind, lying next to victims Mogen and Goncalves

Moscow Police Officer Brett Payne said he noticed the two best friends, 21, had "visible stab wounds."

He added that when later viewing the room they were in from the door, he noticed "what appeared to be a tan leather knife sheath laying on the bed next to Mogen's right side."

The sheath was later processed and had "Ka-Bar," "USMC," and the United States Marine Corps eagle



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On December 27, 2022, after they had zeroed in on the 28-year-old as a suspect, [police](#) recovered the trash from the Kohberger family residence in Monroe County.

The next day an Idaho lab reported a DNA profile obtained from the trash, and the DNA profile obtained from the sheath identified a male as not being excluded as the biological father of the suspect.

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'PARALLELS OF EVIL': Ted Bundy survivors speak out, linking their gruesome attacks to Bryan Kohberger's

By Madeline Coggins

Published May 28, 2023

Fox News

The brutal killings of four University of Idaho students have captured the attention of the nation as suspect Bryan Kohberger awaits his trial.

But two survivors of notorious serial killer Ted Bundy warn his murders bear an eerie resemblance to the FSU sorority house killings.

"There have been a lot of mass murderers, but [Kohberger] seemed to almost pick a murder that mirrored one of Bundy's murders. Is that a coincidence? I don't know," survivor Karen Pryor said on Fox Nation's "Parallels of Evil: The Bundy and Idaho Killings."

Bryan Kohberger, the criminology Ph.D. student accused of the home invasion murders of four University of Idaho undergrads, was indicted by a grand jury in Latah County, Idaho earlier this month according to authorities.

He is accused of sneaking into a college town rental home around 4 a.m. on Nov. 13, 2022, and killing Kaylee Goncalves, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle and Ethan Chapin inside.

IDAHO MURDERS: 'RAGE,' 'RANDOMNESS' AMONG SIMILARITIES TO TED BUNDY'S INFAMOUS KILLINGS, FORMER ATTORNEY SAYS

When news broke about the murders, Bundy survivor Cheryl Thomas said reports brought her back to the events of January 15, 1978.

"I could relate," Thomas told Fox Nation's Nancy Grace.

Pryor added it "bring[s] back that memory" when she managed to just barely survive Bundy's rampage at a sorority house.

Early in the morning on January 15, Bundy broke into the Chi Omega Sorority house at Florida State University where he unleashed hell on sleeping sorority sisters. He attacked and bludgeoned four girls at the house, leaving Margaret Bowman and Lisa Levy dead. Pryor was one of the sorority house survivors.

TED BUNDY'S EX-GIRLFRIEND RECALLS HORRIFYING ENCOUNTER WITH THE SERIAL KILLER: 'HE JUST LAUGHED'

While police rushed to the Chi Omega house, Bundy fled the scene and ended up breaking into a nearby duplex where he attacked Thomas in her own bed.

"My neighbors heard when I was being attacked. They heard moaning, so they called and they could hear through the wall, my phone ringing. I didn't answer," she said during the Fox Nation special. "Then they called again and they heard running. So at that point, Ted Bundy was running out and getting out through the kitchen window. And they called 9-1-1 because it was just too weird of a sound of going next door."

When asked how Kohberger's alleged killings mirrored Bundy's, Pryor said "he broke into [the house] as Bundy broke into the sorority house, and went kind of systematically from person to person to kill them."

The 28-year-old Washington State University Ph.D. student was charged with four counts of first-degree murder and another of felony burglary after allegedly sneaking into a six-bedroom house near the University of Idaho, about 10 miles away from his Washington apartment, where he killed the four students.

For over a month, police and law enforcement officials were relatively silent on their search for a suspect until Kohberger was

Similarly, Bundy broke into the sorority house and duplex, attacking his victims and escaping without a trace for weeks.

Private investigator Bill Warner told "Parallels of Evil" host Nancy Grace that his initial thought was that the Idaho killer was a "copycat of Bundy."

IDAHO MURDERS SUSPECT BRYAN KOHBERGER ALLEGEDLY STALKED ANOTHER FEMALE STUDENT MONTHS BEFORE MASSACRE: REPORT

Ted Bundy's former lawyer John Henry Browne noted in the special that, in both the Idaho and Bundy cases, "rage" seemed to play a central role in how the victims were murdered.

"It's so random. And the manner of homicide was so brutal," Browne said. "I've done probably 50 murder cases in my career, maybe more. And these are the only two that have those similarities. Almost all of them involve weapons, guns mostly, or fistfights, things like that, or in self-defense."

"This is just downright brutal. It's rage. Whoever did this was full of rage."



Experts claim there are similarities between serial killer Ted Bundy and alleged Idaho killer Bryan Kohberger. (Fox News)

Bundy had used a log to beat his victims including Thomas and Pryor while Kohberger allegedly used a knife to stab the four students. Browne explained that both weapons involve being close to the victim and require a lot of time and rage to kill an individual.

"They're brutal, and they're designed to basically destroy the inside of your body as well as the outside of your body. That's an indication of a great deal of rage on the part of the perpetrator. No question about it," he shared.

The Fox Nation special even looks at how key pieces of evidence like the vehicle helped track down suspects in both the Bundy and Idaho case.

In the aftermath of the brutal crimes, both college towns were rocked and students at the two universities applied a new level of caution to their daily routines.

Bundy eventually confessed to at least 30 murders and was executed in Florida in 1989.

While Kohberger has been charged, he still awaits a six-week trial which will begin in October.

A judge entered pleas of not guilty to all charges for Bryan Kohberger at his arraignment Monday – more than six months after police allege he fatally stabbed the four University of Idaho undergrads in their off-campus home.

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Accused Idaho killer Bryan Kohberger's body language compared to Lee Harvey Oswald

By [Stephanie Pagonis](#)

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Bryan Kohberger implicated in cold-case death of Pa. woman, parents called to testify

Accused University of Idaho killer Bryan Kohberger acted like someone who was “caught doing something wrong” upon learning the possible fate that awaits him — but otherwise showed a level of calm most comparable to infamous assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, body language experts told The Post.

Victims' grieving loved ones and the media alike came face to face with the alleged quadruple murderer Monday, when Kohberger returned to court for the first time in months for his **long-awaited arraignment**.

Body language experts told The Post how dissecting his most minute behaviors — from the use of his tongue to his controlled reactions and the tone of his voice — can paint a picture of his mindset.

“It's not until we hear the judge confirm with Kohberger that he understands the ‘maximum penalty’ for each death that we see the highest spike in stress, which is when he quickly pushes his tongue on the lower right side of the inside of his cheek,” said longtime body language expert and **best-selling author Janine Driver**.

Such a behavior change is “often seen when someone is caught doing something wrong.”

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Here's why Idaho student murder suspect Bryan Kohberger may have chosen to 'stand silent' in court, experts say

By [Cheri Mossburg](#), [Veronica Miracle](#) and [Elizabeth Wolfe](#), CNN

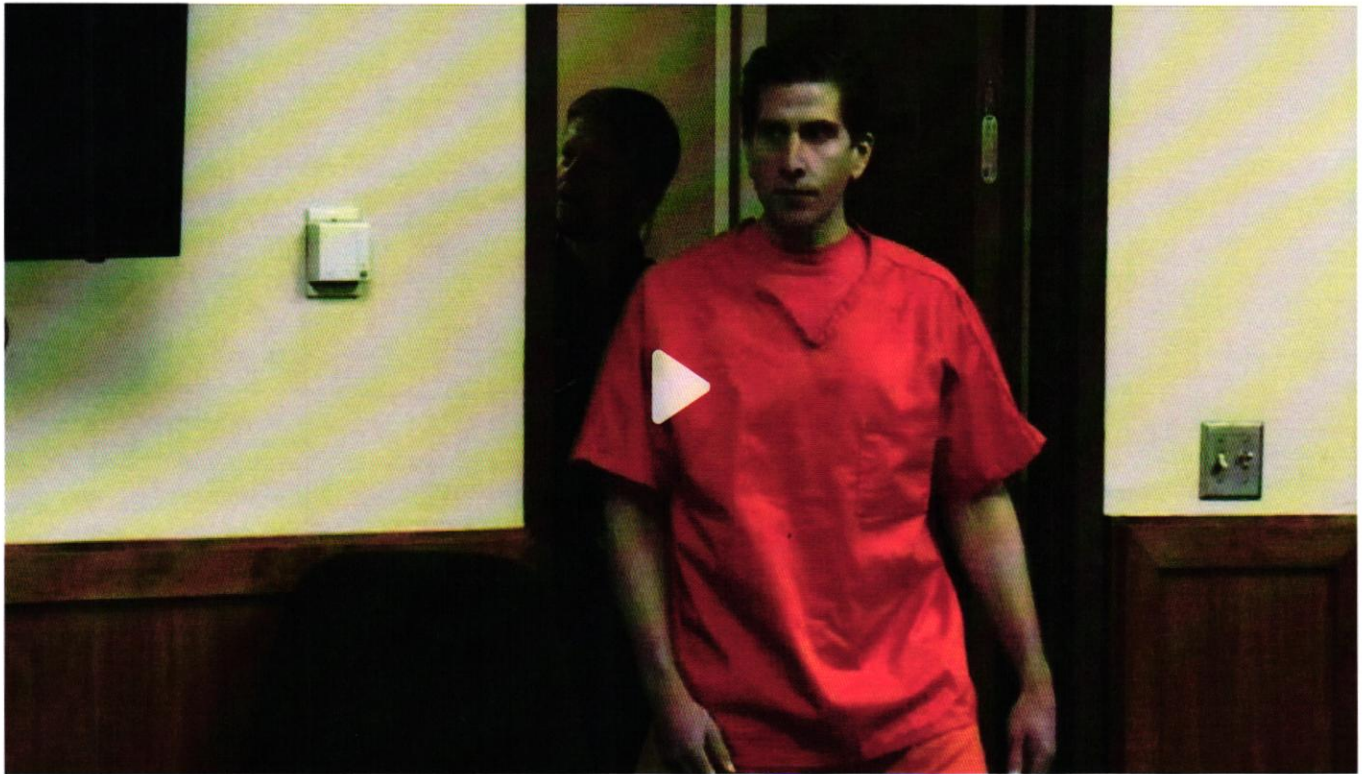
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Man accused of killing Idaho students appears in court

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(CNN) — Bryan Kohberger, the man accused of stabbing four Idaho college students to death, [sat wordlessly in court](#) during his arraignment on Monday as a judge read aloud the murder and burglary charges against him and asked whether the suspect was prepared to announce his plea.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/23/us/bryan-kohberger-idaho-student-killings-standing-silent/index.html>

then enter a not guilty plea on the defendant's behalf, effectively allowing him to avoid verbally committing to being guilty or not guilty.

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"It doesn't matter what he says or doesn't say," Seattle attorney Anne Bremner told CNN. "Either way, he's on the record with a not guilty plea."

Though highly unusual, standing silent is not unheard of. The tactic was also used in the [case against Nikolas Cruz](#), the gunman responsible for the 2018 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

As the October trial looms, Kohberger faces four counts of first-degree murder and one count of burglary for the November 13 killings of University of Idaho students Kaylee Goncalves, 21; Madison Mogen, 21; Xana Kernodle, 20; and Ethan Chapin, 20, in an off-campus home in Moscow, Idaho.

Though a sweeping gag order has largely shrouded details of the case from the public, investigators have said Kohberger, a graduate student in the Department of Criminology at nearby Washington State University, broke into the victims' home and stabbed them repeatedly before fleeing the scene.



Zach Wilkinson/Reuters

Bryan Kohberger is escorted out of the courtroom following his arraignment.

The gruesome killings and prolonged investigation blanketed the college campus and surrounding city in uncertainty and apprehension. After nearly seven weeks, Kohberger was arrested and identified as the alleged killer.

may spark public outrage that they are not taking responsibility for their alleged actions, he explained.

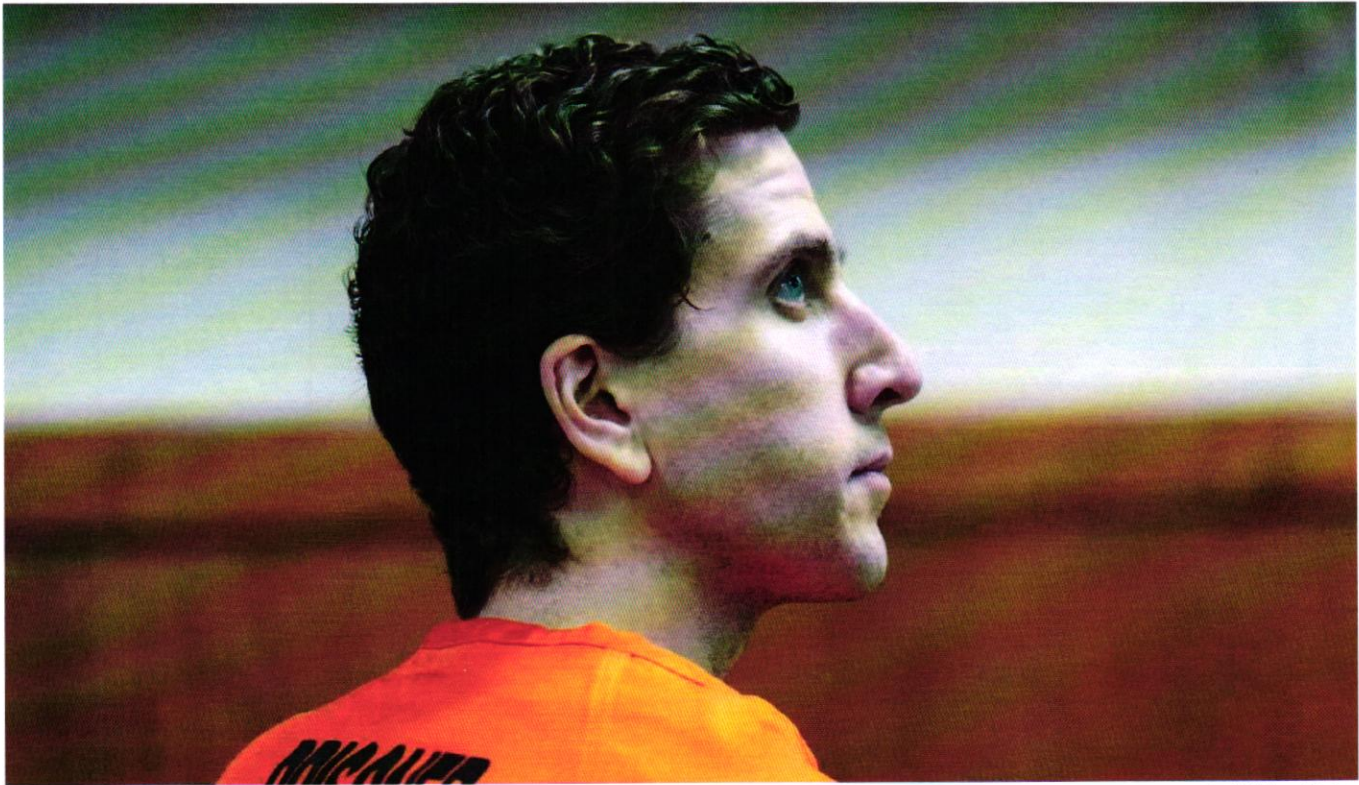
Prosecutors and defense attorneys may also be negotiating behind the scenes, potentially discussing a plea agreement, Newton said.

Bremner dismissed the idea that the move could indicate Kohberger's attorney may be considering a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity because there is no insanity defense in Idaho.

Or, Newton added, it could simply be that the defendant is being difficult and not wanting to cooperate.

Bremner echoed that possibility, saying, "Maybe he's just trying to be defiant or attempting to show he's the smartest guy in the courtroom." She pointed to Kohberger's background as a criminology student, noting, "He knew enough about criminal studies that it would have an impact."

What happens next for Kohberger



Zach Wilkinson/Reuters

Bryan Kohberger listens during his arraignment in Latah County District Court on May 22, 2023.

Kohberger has been held without bail since he was arrested in December at his parents' home in Pennsylvania and brought back to Idaho, where he awaits trial.

The trial is set to begin October 2 and is expected to last about six weeks.

Prosecutors have 60 days from Monday to announce, in writing, whether they plan to seek the death penalty in their case against him.

Two hearings are also scheduled for June 9 to address motions, filed by an attorney representing the family of Goncalves and <https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/23/us/bryan-kohberger-idaho-student-killings-standing-silent/index.html>

Investigators detail evidence against the suspect

After Kohberger was arrested, investigators laid out some of the evidence that led them to home in on the 28-year-old as their suspect, including surveillance footage, a witness account and DNA evidence.

A key lead came from surveillance footage which caught a white Hyundai Elantra near the victims' home that night, according to a probable cause affidavit. The vehicle, which was later found by police at Washington State University in nearby Pullman, Washington, was registered to Kohberger, authorities said.

Kohberger's driver's license information was consistent with a description of the suspect given to police by one of the victims' surviving roommates, officials said.

The roommate told investigators that she saw a masked figure clad in black in the house on the morning of the killings, according to an affidavit. She described the person as "5'10" or taller, male, not very muscular, but athletically built with bushy eyebrows," it said.



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As the investigation was still ongoing, Kohberger drove cross-country to his parents' house in Pennsylvania, arriving there about a week before Christmas, Monroe County Chief Public Defender Jason LaBar told CNN in December.

There, investigators were finally able to connect Kohberger to the crime scene by linking DNA found in trash collected from his family's home to DNA on a tan leather knife sheath found lying next to one of the victims, the affidavit said.

A cache of items was seized from the Pennsylvania home after the suspect's arrest, including a cell phone, black gloves, black masks, laptops, a Smith and Wesson pocket knife and a knife in a leather sheath, according to an evidence log.

Authorities also seized a white 2015 Hyundai Elantra an attorney for the suspect previously said he'd used to drive, accompanied by his father, to his parents' home for the holidays.

The vehicle was dismantled by investigators, who collected parts, fibers and swabs for further examination, court documents show.

Correction: An earlier version of this story misspelled Bryan Kohberger's first name in the headline and had the wrong the day for his arraignment. It was Monday.

CNN's Dakin Andone, Jason Kravarik, Alaa Elassar, Eric Levenson, Emma Tucker and Pamela Brown contributed to this report.

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NEWS

Idaho Murder Victim's Father Has a Warning for Bryan Kohberger

BY **FATMA KHALED** ON 5/12/23 AT 5:07 PM EDT



CRIME

Steve Goncalves, the father of one of the four University of Idaho students fatally stabbed allegedly by [Bryan Kohberger](#), issued a stark warning for the suspected killer, who is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on June 26.

Kohberger was arrested on charges of four counts of first-degree murder and one count of felony burglary in the fatal stabbings of Kaylee Goncalves, 21, Madison Mogen, 21, Ethan Chapin, 20 and Xana Kernodle, 20 inside an off-campus house.

The victims [were found stabbed to death in bed](#) on November 13 in an off-campus residence near the University of Idaho. Kohberger was arrested on December 30 at his parents' house in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania. He has not yet entered a plea and his former attorney said that his client was "eager to be exonerated."

New documents related to the murder case [were released](#) last week. Mike Baker of the *New York Times* obtained [166 pages related to the search of Kohberger's apartment](#) near Washington State University

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father, told [ABC News](#) on Friday. And he's gonna realize that this...is the family that's gonna make sure he doesn't get away with it."



Bryan Kohberger looks toward his attorney, public defender Anne Taylor, right, during a hearing in Latah County District Court on January 5, 2023, in Moscow, Idaho. Steve Goncalves, the father of one of the four University of Idaho students fatally stabbed allegedly by Kohberger, issued a stark warning for the suspected killer, who is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on June 26.

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The new documents contain the items seized from his apartment which included several possible hair strands, a computer tower, and two stains that appeared to be blood, among other items. Newsweek previously reported on the items [that were seized from Kohberger's apartment](#) near the Washington State University campus, where he was pursuing his Ph.D. at the time of the murders in November.

The Goncalves, a family with five children, said they were not able to pin down a connection between their daughter and Kohberger, with Kristi Goncalves, Kaylee's mother, saying that she gave "long and hard" thought to whether Kaylee, 21, knew the suspected killer.

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"We've talked as a family, you know, we've done a lot of research on what's out there... None of it makes sense," Kristi told ABC News. The mother described her reaction the first time she saw Kohberger at an initial court appearance, saying that she was "completely overwhelmed" and that she thought she was going to "pass out."

"My daughter saw him face-to-face and in a very different light than we saw him, sitting there [in court], looking very meek," said Kristi. Kaylee was murdered weeks before her early graduation from the University of Idaho and she was set to move to Texas for a new job, according to ABC News.

Steve Goncalves has been vocal about seeking justice in the murder case and has often criticized the way the Moscow Police Department handled the case, according to the Crime Wire. The Goncalves family launched a [Facebook](#) page to keep track of messages, tips, and information related to their daughter's murder. The page has 39,000 followers as of Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the newly released documents also [included a list of items](#) that were taken for presumptive chemical tests for blood. However, only two of the items collected tested positive for blood. They were listed as a "reddish/brown stain on uncased pillow, south side of bed," and a "mattress cover on bed in NE room on edge facing doorway."

tested, the list read. Jennifer Coffindaffer, a former FBI agent, told *Newsweek* last week, "If there's blood, it could be his, it could be theirs [the victims], it could be a mixture of both." Still, Coffindaffer said that the items that test positive for blood are a "big win."

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Meanwhile, Kristi Goncalves said that it is important for her family to be united and strong as they attend the preliminary hearing next month, according to ABC News.

"I've never been to a preliminary trial before....I have no idea what to expect, I have no idea what we're going to hear...But I know that I've got my son, and my daughter will be there, and my sister, and my husband," she said.

Meanwhile, Steve Goncalves said that some of his family members reached out to the two roommates who survived the attack that day. He added: "It's good to make sure that everybody going through this has somebody there to help them."

Newsweek reached out to the Goncalves family through their Facebook page "The Goncalves Family Page" for comment.

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'If they are in over their heads, then acknowledge that': More than six weeks after Idaho murders, Kaylee Goncalves' family lawyer questions if police are 'capable'

- Shannon Gray, an attorney for the Goncalves family, said they will continue to hold the Moscow Police accountable for solving the quadruple homicide
- He suggested that they should turn the investigation over
- Gray also questioned whether the police are 'capable' of solving the fatal stabbings of the University of Idaho students
- Kaylee Goncalves, 21, Madison Mogen, 21, Xana Kernodle, 20, and her boyfriend Ethan Chapin, 20, were all found stabbed to death on November 13
- No suspects have been arrested yet as police continue to comb through evidence

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A lawyer representing the family of slain University of **Idaho** student Kaylee Goncalves is publicly questioning whether the local cops are 'capable' of solving the quadruple homicide.

Speaking to the Today Show in an interview that aired Monday, Shannon Gray told how the Goncalves family is **extremely frustrated** with law enforcement's lack of answers more than one month after their daughter's death.

Kaylee Goncalves, 21, was found stabbed to death inside her off-campus house on November 13, along with her roommates Madison Mogen, 21, Xana Kernodle, 20, and

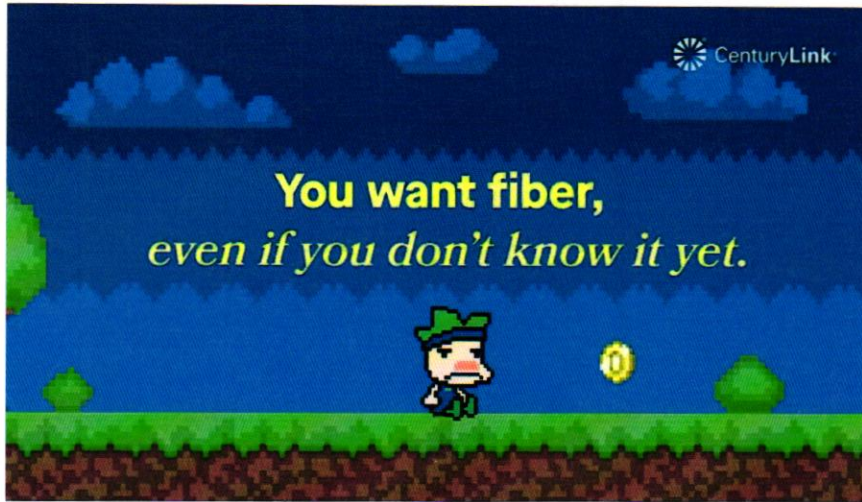
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No suspects have been arrested yet, as Moscow police continue to comb through evidence. The Goncalveses, though, have hired their own private investigator to get some answers, and are urging local businesses to **turn over any surveillance footage** that may help.

'We want to let them know that we were holding them accountable for their decisions,' Gray said. 'And if they are in over their heads, then acknowledge that and turn the investigation over to someone who is more versed in handling these types of matters.'

'I'm not sure they're capable of handling a quadruple murder,' he added.



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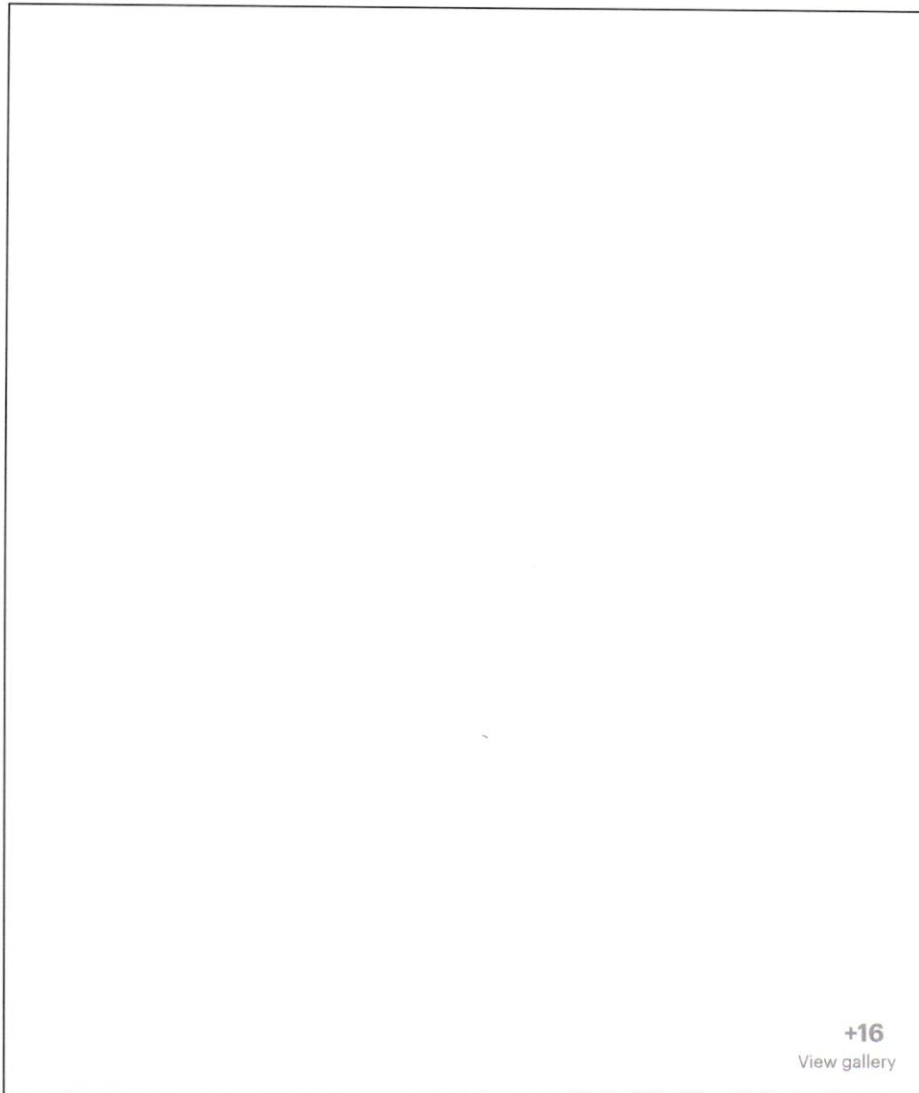
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Goncalves' family has been very vocal about their frustrations with the Moscow Police Department over the past few weeks.

They had met with Moscow Police just last week, they previously told the **Today Show**, but still felt like they were being 'left in the dark.'

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The parents said at the time they had entered the police station with five pages of questions about the investigation but left with 'not much.'

Kristi Goncalves, Kaylee's mother, now says she cannot sleep at night as she continues to wonder what happened to her daughter.

'It's sleepless nights. It's feeling sick to your stomach,' she said. 'It's so many emotions that I've never ever endured in my life, ever.'

She added that she fears the case may never be solved.

'I mean, in all honesty, that is a possibility,' she admitted. 'There's a lot of unsolved murders.'

But ahead of the holiday season, Moscow Police Chief James Fry said investigators 'won't stop looking for clues.'

They are now sifting through a database of 22,000 registered white Hyundai Elantras that fit the description of one found at the scene the night of the murders.

Police have said in the past that they driver 'may have seen something' that could be relevant to the fatal stabbings.

There are now 'multiple groups' scanning through clips as they try to track down those responsible, Fry said as he vowed his force would continue working over Christmas.

In the meantime, though, Gray is urging the public to continue to submit tips and share information with the authorities.

'Keep at it,' he said. 'You know, the community, I believe, will be the ones that solve this case.'

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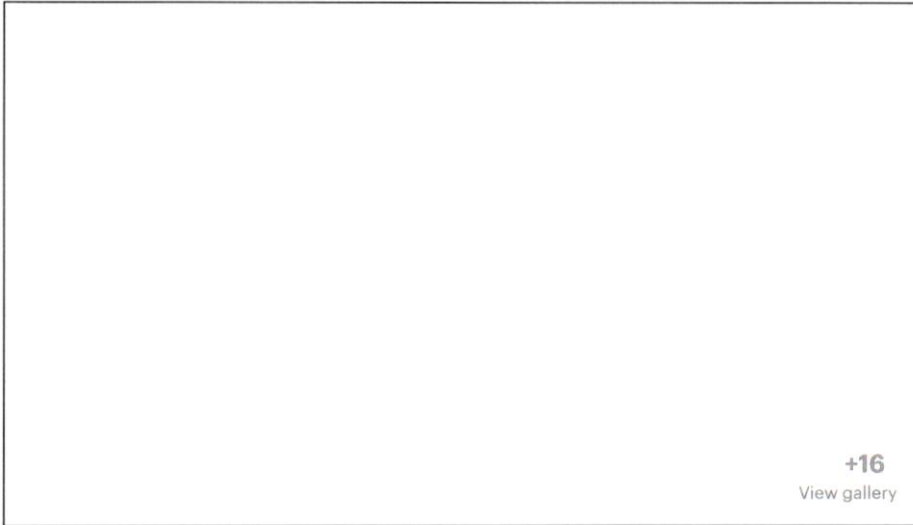
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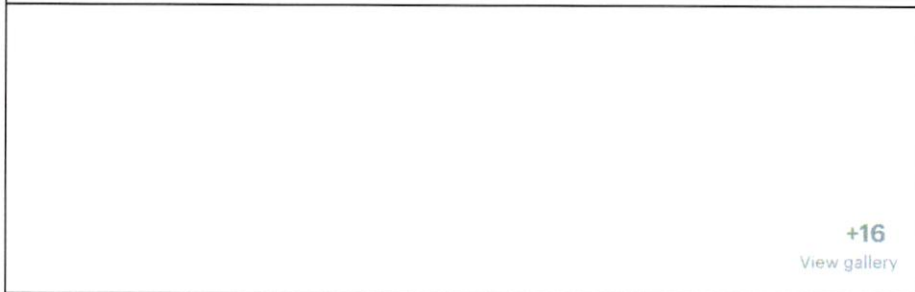


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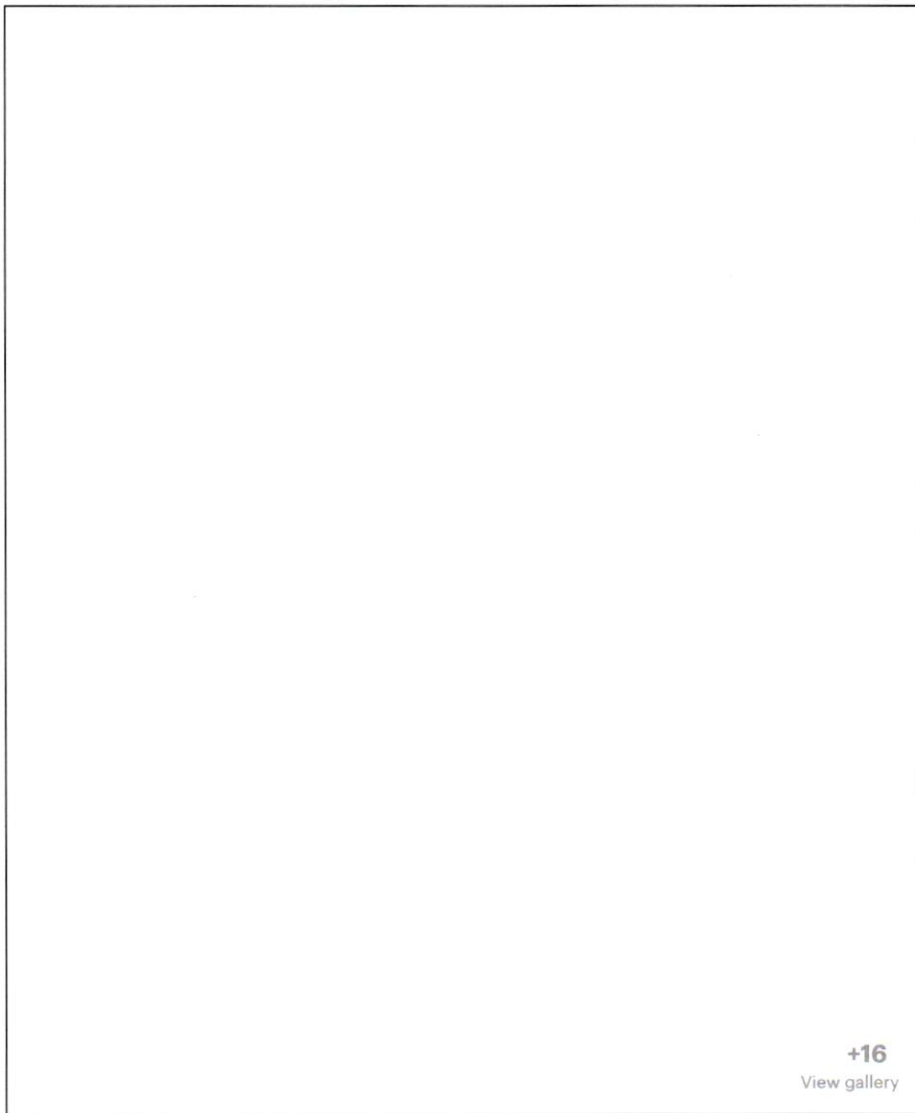
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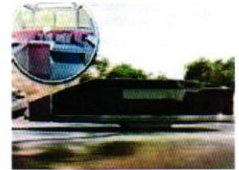
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The interview comes just hours after Kaylee's father denied that a man his daughter was seen talking about just hours before her death is a suspect.

Newly-released security footage showed Kaylee walking along the street with Mogen, her best friend, and a man who was also seen in a separate video with the pair at a food truck.

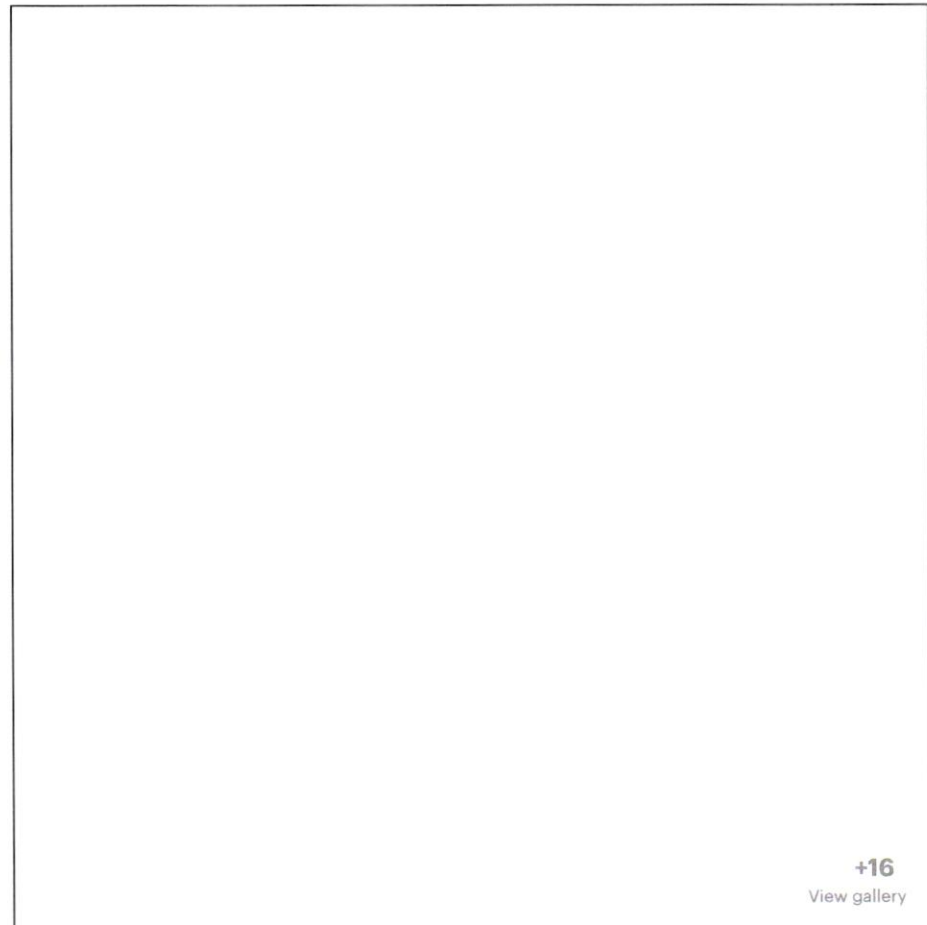
In the video Kaylee could be heard asking, 'Maddie, what did you say to Adam?' Maddie responded: 'Like, I told Adam everything.'

But Kaylee's father, Steven, said it was 'pretty clear' that the man his daughter was speaking about in the video was not a suspect.

'We asked and did the obvious due diligence, and we looked into that, and it was pretty clear that this individual was not a part of the investigation as far as a suspect,' he told Fox News.

He said the film was passed on to him by a business owner whose camera had caught it, and that while it provided no clues about his daughter's killer it was a comfort nonetheless.

'It was kind of comforting to us, because it's just two girls having a good time, talking about, you know, asking about their bartender, and just being girls on their way to the grub truck,' he said.



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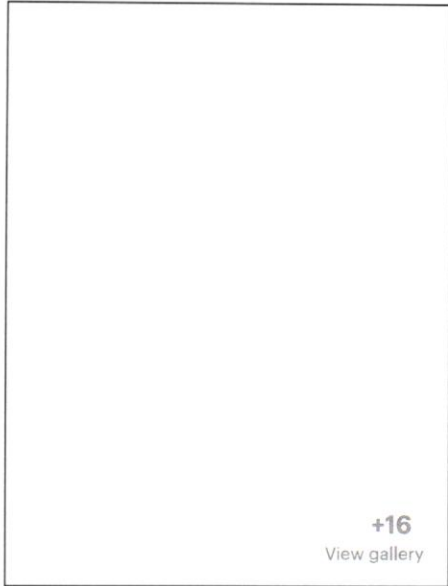
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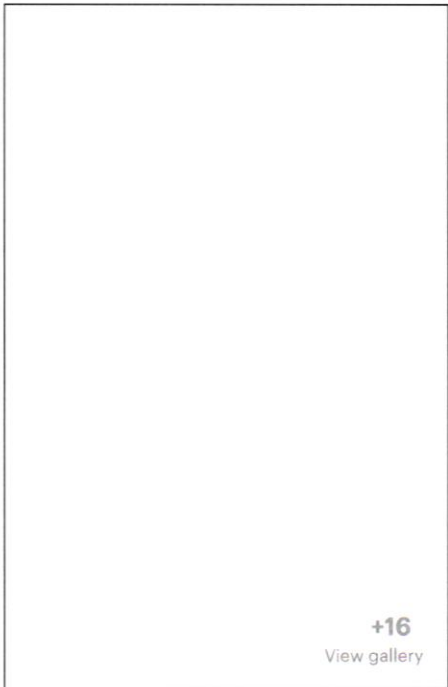


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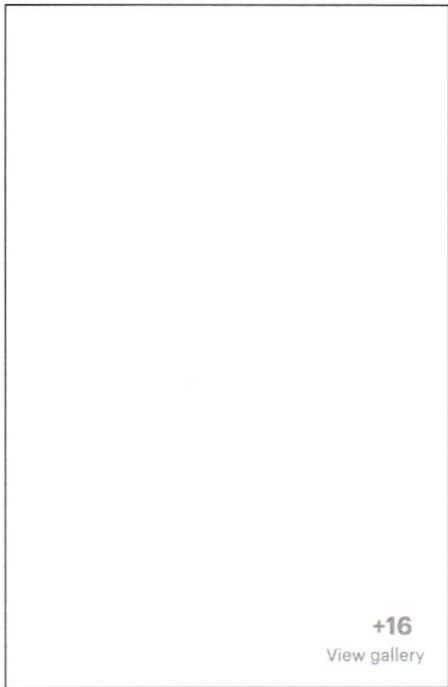


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Video shows Madison Mogen and Kaylee Goncalves stumbling towards the desk, ordering a plate of carbonara pasta, and waiting 10 minutes. They interacted with other young kids who were also waiting for food and took photos of each other before walking away with their food



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Madison and Kaylee ordered food together at a truck. While Kaylee ordered, Madison spotted a friend and walked over to hug him (right). She then returned to wait with Kaylee

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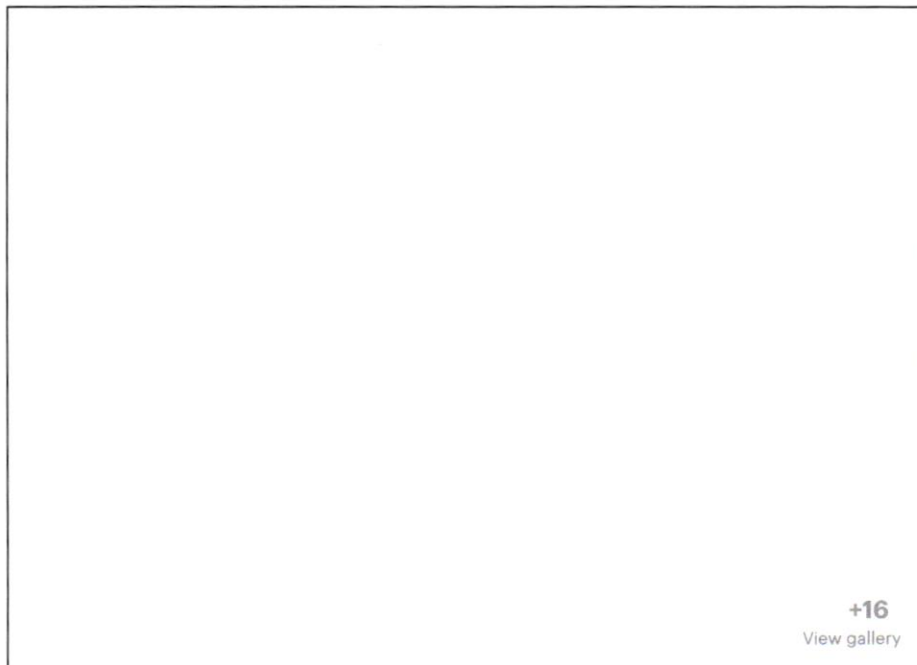
The video was first uploaded on the Facebook group: 'University of Idaho Murders - Case Discussion.'

The pair were at the Corner Club bar until 1:30 am, went to the food truck, then got a ride home. Police have already said that the driver of the car is not a suspect.

One of the administrators of the Facebook group, Kristine Cameron, told **Fox News**: 'We can all scrutinize those couple of minutes at the food truck, but we just have to remember there was an entire evening before this.'

'There's more than just that one timestamp that we have into that evening.'

Speaking of a man who was previously seen with the pair at the food truck, who is also in the new video, Cameron said: 'People are drawing the conclusion that he's creepy from that [few] minutes, and I want to give a bigger picture. He wasn't just staring at them...He was with them prior.'



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It was also reported over the weekend that Goncalves was afraid of a stalker in the weeks leading up to the murders- something Moscow Police have denied knowledge of.

A vape shop manager claims he discussed Goncalves' stalker with her and Mogen three weeks before they were slain in their beds.

He told **NewsNation**: 'Kaylee and Maddie would both come in here, they always had a smile on their face, they were the light of the world.'

'They always came in with a group of four or five girls at most, all the time they would come in together.'

'I made a joke about them coming in together, that it was nice to see that they were trying to stay safe.'

'Maddie then said oh we had a friend of ours be stalked, which is why we travel in a group. She was motioning to Kaylee as she said it.'

'It seemed as though they were all trying to keep Kaylee safe and be there for her as friends. This was three weeks before the murder.'

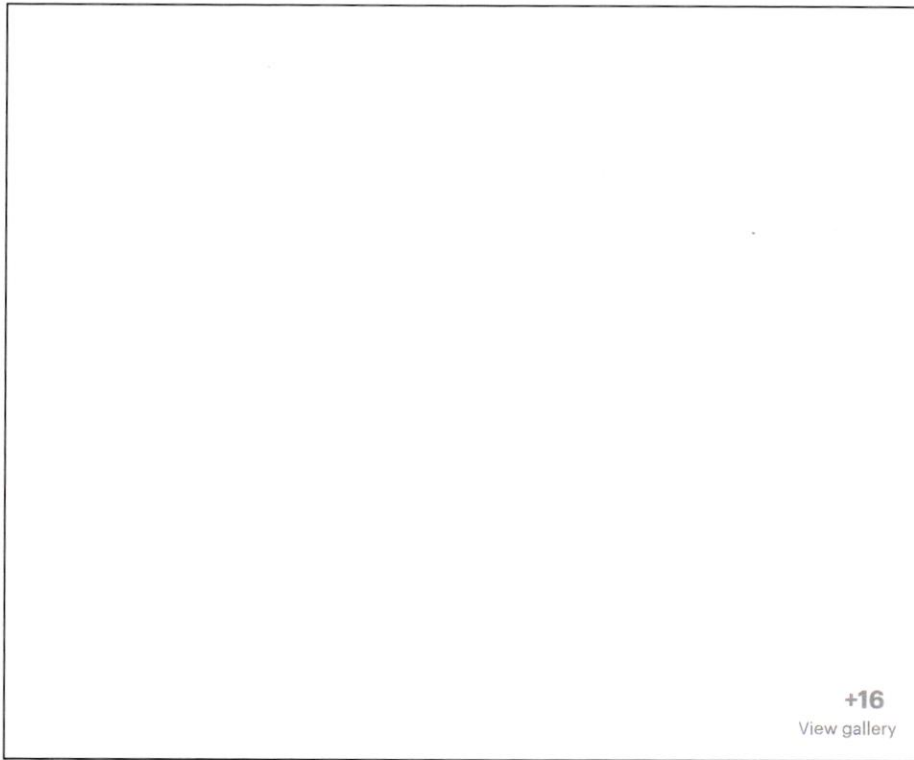
Goncalves reportedly told him that the stalker would follow her 'at night' when she was going to or from bars, either by the 'campus or down on Main Street'.

Her family has said they were not aware of any stalker, despite the manager claiming it was something she had 'tons of issues with'.

She 'always had to have someone who was constantly walking behind her' in order to keep her feeling safe.

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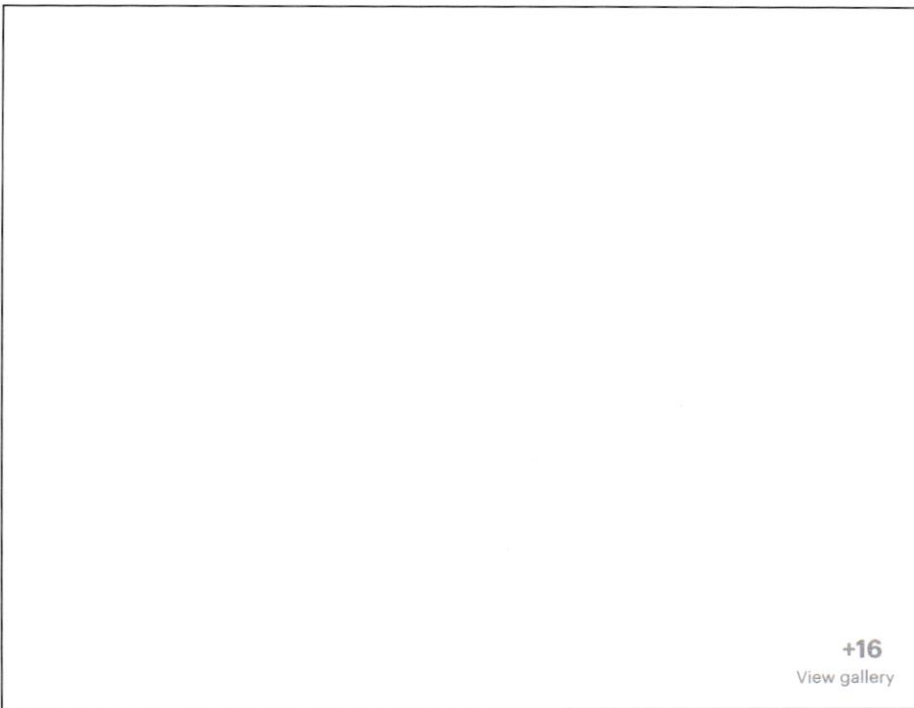
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Kaylee and Madison were found on the top floor of the Moscow, Idaho home. College lovers Ethan Chapin and Xana Kernodle were found in a second-floor bedroom while survivors Dylan Mortensen and Bethany Funke were sleeping on the first floor

Police are now trawling footage from an officer's bodycam that may have captured a scream on the night of the murders.

The high-pitched sound, recorded at 3:12am, was captured by a Moscow police officer who was responding to an unrelated incident near the University of Idaho.

Some web sleuths believe that the sound is a scream, while others think it could be the sound of car tires peeling away.

The noise appears to have been made around the time the students were killed, and authorities hope it may help them in determining what happened.

Police have found no evidence of a sex crime, and the victims had wounds on their bodies which indicated that they tried to fight off the attacker.

Initially, cops said they thought all four were assaulted as they slept, with Goncalves father saying she had the worst injuries from the incident - suffering 'gouging wounds' and 'rips.'

But Chief Fry has admitted that investigators did not understand how the two surviving roommates - Bethany Funke and Dylan Mortensen - appeared to sleep through the attack.

Police are also said to be examining 'massive amounts' of digital content from local homes and businesses.

Captain Roger Lanier said on Thursday that they had been sifting through a database of 22,000 registered white Hyundai Elantras that fit the description of the one found at the scene the night of the murders.

Police have said that the license plate of the vehicle is still unknown and could have been removed.

Still, they are asking the public to call in tips at 208-883-7180, email tipline@ci.moscow.id.us or submit digital media online.

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Goncalves family attorney speaks out on 1 month anniversary of murders

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MOSCOW, Idaho - Kaylee's family's attorney, Shannon Gray, said they met with investigators Monday to talk about accountability and transparency. He told NonStop Local the family has not been getting the information they desire, in fact, at times, they were finding out new info from the media rather than the police.



The house where Kaylee Goncalves, Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle, and Madison Mogen were killed near the University of Idaho campus

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"Their communication with the families was poor and we wanted to make sure that changed, to say the least. We wanted to make sure it changed," Gray said.

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He said there have been too many different officials saying too many different things about the investigation.

"For a lack of a better term, there were too many roosters and there needed to be one person that was putting the messages out and doing the interviews for the investigation, so the left-hand knows what the right hand is doing," Gray said.

Gray said that mixed messaging does not instill confidence in the families or the public.



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Kaylee's family's attorney, Shannon Gray, says they met with investigators Monday to talk about accountability and transparency. He told me today that the family has not been getting the information they desire, in fact, at times, they were finding out new info from the media rather than the police.

Gray said they met with Latah County Prosecuting Attorney Bill Thompson, Moscow Police Chief James Fry, as well as other people involved with the investigation. He said he printed out five pages of questions that he wanted answered, but most were not answered.

"Most if not all of those questions weren't answered," Gray said. "They're keeping most of their facts tight."

According to the Moscow Police Department (MPD), they are certainly are being tight-lipped, and plan to continue being that way in order to protect the case.

"We've always closely guarded the information that we've discovered at the scene because we want to protect the integrity of the investigation," MPD Captain Roger Lanier said.

Gray said right now they don't have any plans to take legal action against the police department. Gray is a father of five and said can't imagine being in the family's shoes, but said if he were the father, he would not be as controlled as Steve Goncalves.

"If it was my situation, I would be a hard guy to handle if my daughter was murdered and I felt things weren't being communicated properly," Gray said.

Gray wanted to reiterate that the family does support law enforcement and this investigation and they just hope justice will be served soon.

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