

'No evidence' Clancy killed her children, her attorney says

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The legal battle over Connecticut native Lindsay Clancy took another dramatic twist Tuesday as her attorney argued there was "no evidence" she killed her three children in 2023.

The prosecution responded by saying it was the first time the defense had made that claim after spending six weeks argu-

ing Clancy should be found not guilty by reason of insanity. Reddington later insisted he had made that argument all along.

The exchange came during the first hearing since Judge William Sullivan declared a mistrial Sept. 4, after jurors deadlocked 11-1 in favor of acquitting Clancy by reason of insanity.

Sullivan did not rule on Reddington's motion for a

required finding of not guilty, saying he would take it under advisement. He also postponed arguments on several other motions, including the defense's claim that retrying Clancy would violate her double jeopardy rights, which could determine whether she can be tried again at all.

Sullivan set another hearing for Nov. 2. The parties could select a new trial date at that time. Sul-

livan had wanted to set it Tuesday, but both sides asked him to wait until after he rules on the pending motions.

Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz told reporters after the hearing that there hasn't been a decision on whether they will retry Clancy.

"We're going to do what we can for the children," Cruz said. "And that's what this case is about.

It's about those children and making sure they get justice."

Clancy, 36, is charged with murder in the deaths of her three children — Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, 8 months — who were found strangled with exercise bands in the basement of the family's home in Duxbury, Mass. She remains confined at Tewksbury Hospital, a state-run psychiatric facility in Massachusetts.



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**Lindsay Clancy's defense attorney Kevin Reddington during Tuesday's status hearing in Plymouth Superior Court.**

Much of Tuesday's hearing focused on the defense's request for a required finding of not guilty. As part of that motion, Reddington argued prosecutors failed to

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A rendering of the proposed new interior of New Haven Union Station.

Renderings courtesy of the Connecticut Department of Transportation

New Haven Union Station could look very different

State DOT has 2 planned projects with a combined estimated price tag of \$113M

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Two separate projects planned for New Haven Union Station stir passengers to imagine a completely different experience entering the station, making their way to the platforms and waiting for their train.

Past the station's front doors will be a revamped atrium that has a bar and café in the center and a winding staircase leading to another bar on the mezzanine level. To fill the time before their train arrives, riders will have more than a dozen different retail and dining options to choose from within the station.

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A rendering of the proposed central raised atrium canopy.

West Haven divided over library funding

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WEST HAVEN — With just months left until the federal government will take back any unspent funds from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act, local officials have little time to determine if a plan for a new library meets federal guidelines.

Officials from the West Haven Public Library and the Village Improvement Association, the third-party nonprofit that manages the library, are sounding the alarm that \$1 million in earmarked federal funds may not be appropriated by an appointed

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CSCU Board of Regents vice chair resigns

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The vice chair of the governing board of Connecticut's largest public college system has resigned, days after an independent review found that leaders of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system failed to appropriately handle sexual harassment complaints.

Juanita James, vice chair of

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Storm topples one of the state's last Constitution Oak trees

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The powerful nor'easter that washed through Connecticut this weekend left destruction in its path across the state.

One loss was a pin oak tree that has been nestled in the woods of Wolcott since it was planted in 1902. The tree was measured at 81 feet in 2002 before splitting and falling Saturday due to the storm.

Wolcott's oak was one of 168 tree saplings gifted to delegates from every town

by the United States Department of Agriculture following the 1902 Constitutional Convention in Hartford. Sen. Joseph R. Hawley arranged for the USDA's Bureau of Plant Industry to supply pin oak seedlings at the successful conclusion of a convention aimed at revising the state constitution for the first time in over 80 years.

Voters rejected the changes, leaving the oaks as the convention's primary legacy. Delegates planted them by town halls, school yards, church

yards and their own private property. The saplings would come to be called the Constitution Oak trees, even if they didn't celebrate a constitutional victory.

As they grew, these trees were documented in surveys later compiled by Glenn Dreyer, arboretum director emeritus at Connecticut College, for the 100th anniversary of the Constitution Oak trees' planting. The trees' circumference, height, spread, location and continued existence were

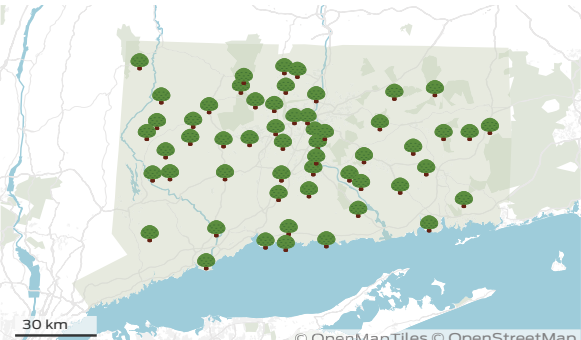
measured in surveys collected between 1937 and 2002.

Not all trees even made it to the 1937 survey: The trees in Haddam and Prospect died within a year of being planted. Then, seven trees fell during the Great Hurricane of 1938. That included one in West Haven, which had only been recognized as its own town in 1921.

So how did it get a tree? The town of Orange's was planted in what would later become West Haven's town

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The last remaining 1902 Constitution Oak trees



Map: Kylie Clifton / Hearst Connecticut Media Group • Source: CT Insider analysis of 1902 town tree-planting records