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## Extension granted in Sievers appeal

### Both sides get more time for closing arguments

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A judge is allowing both sides more time to file their closing arguments in the appeal of a Bonita Springs man on death row for orchestrating his wife's murder.

A Lee County jury convicted Mark Sievers of being a principal to commit first-degree murder with a firearm and conspiracy in the death of his wife, Dr. Teresa Sievers, 46. Mark Sievers' attorneys hope the judge will overturn his conviction and death sentence with the appeal.

Teresa Sievers died in June 2015. State prosecutors and Mark Sievers' defense had 45 days to file written closing arguments, due Dec. 15. Mark Sievers' appeal began in circuit

court Oct. 13 and concluded the following day. Mark Sievers' trial counsel, his mother and his stepmother were among those who testified. One of the convicted accomplices also was insistent on Mark Sievers' innocence.

Megan Montagno, Julissa Fontan and John LoBianco, who represent Mark Sievers in his post-conviction appeals, on Nov. 19 filed a motion seeking the time extension, citing an impending execution of another death row inmate they represent.

Lee Circuit Judge Bruce Kyle on Nov. 20 granted the extension and set a Jan. 15 deadline, giving both sides an extra 30 days.

Mark Sievers' two accomplices are serving separate sentences. Jimmy Ray Rodgers, 35, is serving life in prison and Curtis Wayne Wright, 57, is serving 25 years for his role.

Rodgers also is appealing his conviction.

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The Olana Naples Residences will include two expansive and exclusive beachfront "villas," starting at \$35 million. The residences will span more than 11,500 square feet. RENDERING PROVIDED BY KOLTER URBAN

## 5-bedroom beachfront properties to start at \$35M

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The developers of the Olana Naples Residences have unveiled two expansive and exclusive beachfront "villas" starting at \$35 million. • The half-floor residences will sit on the second floor of the six-story ultra-luxury development, located off Gulf Shore Boulevard North, overlooking the beach. • The project is being jointly developed by Kolter Urban and the BH Group, both based on Florida's east coast.

The BH Group is a Miami-based investment and development firm. Kolter Urban is an affiliate of Delray Beach-based developer The Kolter Group.

The newly announced north and south beachfront villas at the Olana will each span more than 11,500 square feet. Each villa will include five bedrooms, a den, five bathrooms, two powder rooms and a private terrace stretching more than 2,000 square feet, with 80 linear feet of direct beachfront views, and a private pool.

"Olana's beachfront villas provide a unique combination of privacy, scale and design details unmatched along the Gulf," said Brian Van Slyke, Kolter Urban's regional president, in a statement. "The beachfront villas are distinct because of their extended, expansive pri-

vate terraces and individual private pools overlooking the beachfront and out to the Gulf."

### More about Olana

In total, Olana will have 12 estate-sized residences, all spanning more than 10,000 square feet.

They will all have a presentation kitchen alongside a chef's kitchen, a climate-controlled wine room, a soundproof theater and a wet bar, along with large spaces for socializing and entertainment, including a club room and game lounge.

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## Phoenix Awards honor lifesavers

### Drowning survivor's mother thanks EMS

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An audience erupted with gasps and applause as a nurse wheeled out a 3-year-old drowning survivor at this winter's Phoenix Award Ceremony in Naples.

Victor Enrique Valdes Jr., 3, drowned and multiple Collier County first responders revived him.

"Because of everyone that was there that day, I still have my son," said Victor's mother, Lilmary Delgado. "I still get to hold him, still make memories with him."

Between January and June, 190 Collier County first responders helped save the lives of nearly two dozen

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**Members of the Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department hosted their Phoenix Awards on Dec. 2.** RICARDO ROLON/FORT MYERS NEWS-PRESS & NAPLES DAILY NEWS/ USA TODAY NETWORK – FLORIDA

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