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Softball tourney honors former Brockton cop



The 4th annual Coach Ken Softball Tournament was held at Downey School fields in Brockton on Sept. 20. The Coach Ken Foundation was established in honor of Stonehill College head softball coach and Brockton Police Lt. Ken LeGrice, who died in May 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. PHOTOS BY MARC VASCONCELLOS/THE ENTERPRISE



Dirt Dawgettes won the women's championship during the 4th annual Coach Ken Softball Tournament at Downey School fields in Brockton.



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'Nobody wins'

What Birchmore's family says about potential punishment

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If a jury finds former Stoughton Police Det. Matthew Farwell guilty of murdering Sandra Birchmore and her unborn child, he could spend the rest of his life in federal prison, without the possibility of parole.

However, the 16 total jurors to be empaneled in this case, 12 seated and 4 alternates, will never hear that. In a motion filed Aug. 3, federal prosecutors asked Chief U.S. District Judge Denise J. Casper to bar Farwell's lawyers from mentioning the penalties he could face during jury selection, opening statements and throughout the trial itself.

Prosecutors argued that such information could unfairly sway jurors to decide guilt or innocence using emotion, instead of focusing solely on the evidence. Casper granted the request in a Sept. 1 order.

Jury selection began on Tuesday, Oct. 6 in federal court in Boston. Once the jury is empaneled, Casper estimated the trial could run for up to five weeks. During that time, the seated jurors will listen to testimony to determine whether Farwell should be found guilty under the federal statute of killing a witness or victim to prevent disclosure of alleged crimes to a federal law enforcement officer or judge and causing the death of an unborn child.

Prosecutors allege he killed Birchmore, 23, in her Canton apartment on Feb. 1, 2021, and staged her death to look like a suicide to keep her from disclosing years of alleged sexual abuse that began when she was 15.

Farwell has pleaded not guilty to the charges, and his defense maintains Birchmore killed herself.

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See Edgar Allan Poe tales come alive in Plymouth

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Fans of Edgar Allan Poe can step into a candlelit historic home and experience dramatic performances of the writer's most famous tales and poems

during "An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe" at the Hedge House Museum in Plymouth.

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society will present the immersive program Oct. 9-11 at the museum, 126 Water St., according to a community announcement. Guests will move through the

dimly lit rooms of the historic property while encountering live interpretations of Poe's stories and verse.

The event also explores Plymouth's connection to Poe through Lizzie Doten, a Plymouth native who became a nationally known medium and poet during the Victorian spiritualist move-

ment. Doten claimed some of her poetry was communicated by Poe after his death.

Visitors will have the opportunity to "meet" Doten, learn about her life and hear readings inspired by Poe's work.

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