

Moore needs to find new counsel by Oct. 7

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No new trial date has been set for Gregory Moore as he stands trial for the murder of Aliza Sherman.

Moore and prosecutors clashed at the latest pretrial hearing on Sept. 23 over the last-minute withdrawal of his lead attorney.

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Kira Krivosh granted a continuance in the case on Sept. 17 after his attorney, Jon Paul Rion of Rion & Rion, L.P.A., Inc. in Dayton, withdrew from the case and his remaining attorney said he needed more time to prepare.

On Sept. 23, Krivosh gave Moore until Oct. 7 to determine who will represent

him. She scheduled the next pretrial hearing for noon Oct. 14.

Moore’s remaining attorney, Christopher Bucio, requested the additional time, saying Moore needed to make an informed decision about whether to retain new lead counsel, continue with Bucio or assemble another defense team.

“He has a right to defense,” Bucio told the court. “He has a right to defend himself and pick the lawyer of his choosing.”

Moore was arrested and indicted May 2, 2025. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O’Malley said a grand jury charged him with one count of aggravated murder, one count of

conspiracy, six counts of murder and two counts of kidnapping, all related to Sherman’s death. At the time, Moore was representing Sherman in a contentious divorce trial scheduled to begin days later.

Sherman, a 53-year-old in-vitro fertilization nurse at Cleveland Clinic and mother of four from Beachwood, died March 24, 2013, after she was stabbed 11 times outside the Stafford Law Company in downtown Cleveland. She was waiting outside, where she was scheduled to meet with Moore that Sunday night, the day before Passover.

Moore has pleaded not guilty and



▲ Brad Detweiler, defendant Gregory Moore and Moore's attorney Christopher Bucio in the courtroom on Sept. 23.

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Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial receives federal fame



▲ Kol Israel Foundation memorial co-chair Joshua Kaplovitz, U.S. District Court Judge Dan Polster and memorial co-chair Mark Frank pull back the cover from the plaque designating Kol Israel National Memorial at Zion Memorial Park in Bedford Heights as the country's only federally designated Holocaust memorial.

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Midway through the 65th annual Fall Memorial at the Kol Israel Foundation National Holocaust Memorial on Sept. 20 inside Bedford Heights’ Zion Memorial Park, a black felt cover was pulled back to unveil a new marker distinguishing the site as the nation’s only federally recognized memorial that preserves the memory of 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

The designation marker was five years in the making.

Founded in 1961 by Cleveland Holocaust survivors and their families to give local Holocaust mourners a place to say Kaddish at a matzevah, or monument, the site attained

recognition status in late 2022, through an act of Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden. Renamed Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust National Memorial, it was renovated in 2024, each of its six pillars and lamps representing 1 million Jewish Holocaust victims; the names of 1,600 of them are inscribed on the memorial’s walls and pillars.

“The chasm between Holocaust survivors and their departed ones was finally bridged,” Julie Kronenberg, presenter and memorial committee member, said of the site.

Held annually on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Kol Israel Fall Memorial included a color guard procession and recession, ceremonial candlelighting, and prayers and kaddish led by Park Synagogue Cantor Misha Pisman and Temple Israel Ner Tamid Rabbi Matthew J. Eisenberg.

Following the unveiling, Kol Israel Foundation president Deborah Chudakoff spoke of the tragedy of Jews killed during

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