

With Killer Still on the Loose, Associates of Slain Kansas Lawyer Are Fearful

Within minutes of attorney Tom Pickert's murder Wednesday morning at his Kansas City-area home, his colleagues in a recent case started worrying about their own safety, reports *The Kansas City Star*.

One lawyer had assisted Pickert in an effort to secure assets from the defendant in a multi-million dollar civil case that Pickert and his partner had won in July. Now, he said, he doesn't walk the dog or get the mail since Pickert's death.

Reporters Glenn E. Rice and Donald Bradley quote the victim's associate: "We became pretty religious about setting the alarm system at home and I started looking over my shoulder. But I'm still going to the office. I'm not letting this change my life."

And a judge in a civil case where Pickert secured a \$5.7 million judgment sealed records of the case to prevent jurors from being identified.

Pickert, 39, was fatally shot just after he returned to his home in Brookside early Wednesday after walking his children to school.

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