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AmityvilleHorror

A 22-Jun-92 22:37 383 AM-AmityvilleHorror KW: six family members in the house that inspired "The Amityville Horror" book and movie asked for a new trial Monday.

Ronald DeFeo Jr. claimed in court papers that his 18-yearold sister, Dawn, killed the other relatives and then he fatally shot her in a rage after discovering the bodies.

DeFeo was convicted of murder in the 1974 deaths of his parents, two brothers and two sisters in the Amityville home. He was 24 at the time.

The case gained notoriety when a family that moved in after the murders said the three-story colonial house was possessed by demons. Their stories of supernatural events led to a book and subsequent horror movie.

DeFeo's former lawyer, William Weber, argued an insanity defense, which jurors rejected. DeFeo is serving six consecutive life prison terms.

His present lawyer, Gerald Lotto, blasted his predecessor Monday, saying Weber knew DeFeo wasn't insane and that he ignored information from a DeFeo friend corroborating his claim the sister was responsible.

Weber, who testified at a hearing Monday to consider the new trial request, said outside court that the alleged friend didn't exist and he still considered DeFeo insane.

DeFeo appeared to listen attentively during the testimony. Lotto said DeFeo should be set free for time served if his convictions were reduced to manslaughter in the death of his sister.

State Justice Thomas Stark, who presided over the original trial, didn't say when he might rule on the new trial request.

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