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HOURLY UPDATE

Web supporter met with Arivaca slaying suspect prior to arrest

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The leading Internet supporter of Arivaca murder suspect Shawna Forde met with Forde soon after the killings occurred May 30, according to a key witness in the case.

Laine Lawless, founder of the Web site Justiceforshawnaforde.com, traveled with one of the members of Forde's group, Chuck Stonex, when Stonex went to patch up a bullet wound suffered by Jason Bush, now one of Forde's co-defendants, Stonex said Wednesday.

Stonex had previously acknowledged, in comments to detectives and the press, that advertisement Forde had called him early on May 30, asking him to come to Arivaca to help treat a "scout" who had been struck by a bullet while patrolling the border. Now Stonex says that Lawless was with him when he went.



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Forde, Bush and Gaxiola have been indicted on two counts of first degree murder, one of attempted murder and other charges. Authorities accuse them of carrying out a home invasion at the home of an Arivaca man, Raul Junior Flores, whom they suspected of drug trafficking.

All three have pleaded not guilty and Bush has denied involvement in an interview with the Star, while Gaxiola claimed innocence in letters to the Star.

Pima County Sheriff's department investigators said Forde had planned a series of home invasions against suspected drug traffickers in order to fund her border-watch group and other activities. They accuse Bush of firing the shots that killed Flores and his daughter Brisenia, and wounded Flores' wife.

The wife survived and called 911. While on the phone with the dispatcher, the group of attackers returned and started firing shots, and the surviving victim fired back.

Stonex said Wednesday that he had never met Lawless before making her acquaintance that day during a barbeque at the Sierra Vista area home of Glenn Spencer, founder of the group American Border Patrol.

Stonex invited Lawless to accompany him while he drove to Arivaca, he said Wednesday. They drove in separate vehicles up to the Arivaca Road exit off Interstate 19, then drove in Stonex's truck to Arivaca, where they met Forde at the Mercantile, the town's grocery store.

During the trip, Lawless bought some notebooks, but Stonex convinced her not to take notes while they were meeting with Forde, he said.

When they met, Forde was driving a teal minivan, Stonex said. It's the same model and color that investigators now suspect was the escape vehicle, he said.

When they got to the home where Bush was — a house that Stonex now suspects belonged to co-defendant Gaxiola — Bush was resting in a bedroom, Stonex said.

"Laine was sitting on the foot of the bed. He was sitting on the side," Stonex said. "Shawna ran around and got me some gloves, got me some scissors."

"Towards the end there, when Bush and I were finishing up, Laine and Shawna went out into the other room. I have no idea what they were talking about," he said.

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This undated photo released by the Pima County Sheriff's Department shows Shawna Forde as she was booked into jail.

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