

# Bosley: Fingerprint is key to burglary case

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even the defendant of his guilt," said Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Shannon Sexton.

"He's sophisticated about the system. He knew what was happening."

Despite Weinel's guilty plea, Sexton plans to offer him no mercy. He said he will ask Circuit Judge Fred A. Stine V to sentence Weinel, whom he said has at least 14 felony convictions, to the maximum 40 years in prison.

"I'm convinced that if he ever gets out of prison, he'll be back out burglarizing homes," Sexton said.

"He has just a complete and utter disregard for the property of others. ... He broke into a dead man's home, revictimizing a family that had just lost a loved one, and he didn't show any concern about that."

Sexton said Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Michelle Snodgrass was preparing to give the closing arguments in the case when Weinel's attorney informed them of his client's intention to plead guilty.

Weinel is the third person convicted in connection with the burglary at the Bosley home on June 2, 2005, three weeks after Bob Bosley was shot to death. Weinel's cousin, Donald M. Weinel, 23, earlier pleaded guilty to theft and burglary charges. He faces up to 15 years in jail.

Donald M. Weinel "reluctantly" testified against his cousin, Sexton said.

A third man, Donald L. Weinel, 48, — the father of Donald M. and a cousin to Rodney — pleaded guilty to helping the pair steal a pickup truck from Building Crafts in Wilder a few days before the burglary. But the elder Weinel was not involved in the Bosley burglary, and Stine has sentenced him to three years of probation, Sexton said.

Amy Bosley, charged with her husband's murder, is in the Campbell County Jail awaiting trial.

Police believe the pair saw her house as easy pickings. Bosley's killing was heavily



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**Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys Michelle Snodgrass and Shannon Sexton with some of the evidence from the break-in at the Bosley home.**

covered in the local media, and Mrs. Bosley had been arrested just a few days earlier.

The Bosleys' log home is in an isolated, rural part of the county, across from A.J. Jolly Park.

Sexton said the evidence against Rodney Weinel was overwhelming.

In addition to the fingerprint and Donald M.'s testimony, police also had testimony from the two men to whom Wei-

nel had sold the stolen merchandise.

Both said Weinel approached them in the street and sold the items — including a large-screen television, stereo equipment, and leather furniture — from the back of the stolen pickup truck.

Sexton said investigators later found the truck abandoned — with Weinel's fingerprint found on the inside of the driver's side door.