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## Poisoning trial to proceed

Judge says there is enough evidence to try accused wife

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NOVI - A Commerce Township woman accused of trying to kill her husband by spiking his coffee with mouse poison will stand trial on attempted murder charges.

Prosecutors contend that Traci Jackson, a stay-at-home mother, told several people about plans to kill her 38-year-old husband Paul Jackson. She had a preliminary examination Friday in front of 52nd District Court Judge Robert Bondy, who decided there was enough evidence for a trial.

Traci Jackson, 36, pleaded innocent to the charges in April. She is in the Oakland County Jail on \$1 million bond and faces life in prison if convicted.

The couple, who have known each other since elementary school, have a 7-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter.

Traci Jackson's attorney, Neil Rockind, said there is no physical evidence against his client. The case rests solely on witness testimony.

"It's all hearsay," he said. "It's a very unreliable form of evidence."

Rockind said he is surprised Jackson will have to stand trial. There is no smoking gun, he said, and his client did not act suspiciously. He said she did not attempt to kill her husband of nine years in March.

Rockind said Paul Jackson's blood did not show any signs of poison and his symptoms, which included vomiting and bloody diarrhea, weren't typical of someone who ingested mouse poison.

"I never thought much of the prosecution's case," Rockind said. "I still don't. In fact, I don't think (Paul Jackson) was poisoned at all."

Prosecutor Tare Wigod disagrees. He said Traci Jackson was having an affair and told several people about wanting to kill her husband, a family practice doctor. Wigod said she talked about hiring a hitman or tampering with his snowmobile.

Wigod said Paul Jackson became ill after his wife put D-Con in Paul Jackson's coffee.

"She expressed displeasure in her relationship," he said.

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