



Police look to Pagel divorce papers for answers

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COURTLAND TOWNSHIP -- As the investigation into Renee Pagel's murder continues, police are looking at the pending divorce she and her husband, Michael, were going through.

Renee Pagel's body was found in her Courtland Township home on August 4. An autopsy later revealed she was stabbed to death.

New information obtained by 24 Hour News 8 show police are now eager to get information from Renee Pagel's divorce attorney. Renee and her estranged husband Michael Pagel had three kids and had been going through a divorce since 2005.

Michael Pagel - in a common move - has hired a defense attorney to answer questions. His attorney Frank Stanley told 24 Hour News 8, "The police are just being thorough - and I respect that - but there's just no reason he should be a suspect."

There are several allegations contained in the divorce file obtained by 24 Hour News 8.

A specialist noted that Renee alleged Michael 'had problems with anger', was 'emotionally abusive', and once 'had his hands around her neck'.

Renee once said in sworn court testimony of Michael, "He took a chair from around the dining room table and actually threw it into and through the wall... and then he proceeded to take a Wedgwood vase, which had a lot of sentimental value, and break that."

Renee Pagel also alleged she caught her estranged husband taping her phone conversations.

The investigation continues.

24 Hour News 8 will have more information as it becomes available.



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