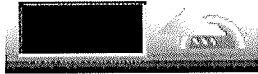


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LOCAL NEWS

**Student admits killing newborn:
 Plymouth co-ed pleads guilty to
 reduced charge**

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NORTHAMPTON - In a voice that barely rose above a whisper, Jennifer Paluseo of Plymouth admitted to killing her newborn baby two years ago while she was a student at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Paluseo, 21, pleaded guilty in Superior Court yesterday to involuntary manslaughter and disinterring a body. She had been charged with murder.

She is scheduled to be sentenced March 31 in Franklin County Superior Court in Greenfield.

The district attorney's office is asking Judge Judd J. Carhart to send Paluseo to state prison for 7 to 9 years.

Paluseo's lawyer, Terry Nagel of Springfield, is asking for a sentence of 2½ years in the county jail.

As she has in all her court appearances, Paluseo remained calm and composed as First Assistant District Attorney Renee Steese summarized the case against her yesterday.

Steese said that just before 7 a.m. May 2, 2002, a housekeeper at the William James dormitory at UMass picked up a knotted black plastic garbage bag in the trash room and, noticing how heavy it was, poked a hole in it to see what was inside. She screamed when she saw a baby's foot, Steese said.

Police were soon on the scene asking students whose baby it might be. Some of those students said they thought Paluseo had been pregnant.

When police went to her dorm room to question her, Paluseo first denied that she had ever been pregnant. Then



Paluseo

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she said she had been pregnant but shouldn't have been because she had been taking birth-control pills.

Through further questioning, police gathered that Paluseo had had cramps at about 7 p.m. the previous night and had gone to take a shower.

While in the shower "blood and stuff came out," Paluseo told them. She picked up what she called the "mess of stuff" - and what subsequent lab tests have shown was a healthy baby boy - with a towel and put it in a trash bag in her room.

She then spent the rest of the evening messaging her sister and friends on the Internet and watching the movie "Spy Games" before going to bed.

The next morning, during their investigation, police found blood on scissors in a shower caddy Paluseo used, but Paluseo told them she didn't remember cutting an umbilical cord.

Paluseo also told police that she cleaned the bathroom, threw away a T-shirt that had blood on it and tried to clean blood spots from her bedroom floor.

Nagel, her attorney, tried to suppress the statements Paluseo made to police that day, arguing in June that she was not emotionally aware of what was going on during the labor and the hours after the birth. His motion was still pending when Paluseo pleaded guilty yesterday to the involuntary manslaughter charge.

During the court session yesterday, Steese went over the numerous conflicting statements Paluseo made to police, family, friends and medical personnel regarding her awareness of the pregnancy.

When Carhart asked Paluseo if she remembers seeing a baby, she told the judge she didn't and that she only knows about it "from what I've read and what I've heard."

"I just remember putting the things from the bathroom in a plastic bag," Paluseo said.

At this point, Steese, the prosecutor, asked for a recess, telling Carhart that what Paluseo was telling him was not the story that the district attorneys had heard.

About half an hour later, Paluseo took the stand again and this time told Carhart that she recalled giving birth and putting the towel in the trash and that "inside the towel was a baby."

Paluseo was released on \$25,000 bail until her sentencing next month.

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