

# Accused in family doctor's death to self-represent

RED DEER — A man accused of killing a family doctor at a medical clinic in central Alberta last summer has been committed to stand trial.

Deng Mabiour, 54, was charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Dr. Walter Reynolds at the Village Mall Walk-In Clinic in Red Deer in August.

Mabiour has had a number of unusual interactions with the court since his arrest and a judge ordered an initial five-day psychiatric examination to determine if the accused understood the charges

against him. The judge extended it another month because Mabiour was refusing to co-operate with medical staff.

Last month, a psychiatrist found Mabiour fit to stand trial, despite his behaviour in court. He wasn't given an opportunity to address the court Friday, but appeared via video from Calgary where he complained he needed a chair because he had leg pain.

Mabiour has indicated that he didn't want a lawyer, didn't trust the Canadian justice system and would represent himself at trial.

That position didn't change Friday at his appearance before Judge Gordon Yake, who ordered the duty counsel to speak to Mabiour.

"I tried to persuade him (about) the benefits of having a lawyer and I could not convince him there is any merit in obtaining a lawyer. One of the things he expressed is that he didn't think a lawyer would follow his instructions," defence lawyer Murray Shack told the judge.

The prosecution has decided not to seek a preliminary hearing in the case and instead go directly to trial.



A memorial for Dr. Walter Reynolds, who died after he was attacked in an examination room, was erected in August. Deng Mabiour, who is charged with first-degree murder in Reynolds' death, has been committed to stand trial. **JEFF McINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Shack said Mabiour didn't want a preliminary hearing either.

"He advised me that his interest is in going to a trial as soon as possible," said the defence lawyer.

Prosecutor Bina Border expressed concern that Mabiour would be self-represented at trial and that a section of

the Criminal Code would allow the court to appoint a lawyer to a self-represented individual.

Yake said that's not the case.

"That part of the Criminal Code, that I reviewed carefully, only allows me to appoint counsel in the event that the fitness issue remains

before the court. I don't have jurisdiction at this point to appoint counsel," said Yake.

Mabiour's trial date is to be scheduled on Dec. 7.

Reynolds, a 45-year-old father of two, was attacked with a weapon while he was working at the clinic on Aug. 10. He died later in hospital.

— The Canadian Press



On Friday October 30th we carb'ed out for a cause at The 2nd Annual Jason Gregor Pizza Pigout in support of KidSport! Ensuring that we were doing our part to help mitigate Covid-19's chaos while still putting on a show to bring the community together, in a safe, siloed & family friendly way, we hosted a Halloween themed pop-up drive-in.

Other than raising funds for KidSport to subsidize sport registration fees for local kids, The Jason Gregor Pizza Pigout is home to the tastiest contest in town called, 'The People's Choice Awards'. Local pizzerias generously donate their best pies in hopes to win bragging rights within 1 of the 7 categories, crowning them Edmonton's 'best'! So, the people came... the people ate... and the people voted... check out the rankings!

The Expo parking lot was home to over 160 cars who got to kick back and enjoy movies on Canada's largest LED screen while over 28 pizzerias participated in the contest, supplying over 730 pizza's. It was an epic face-off of delicious dough!

## THE PEOPLE'S TOP TEN

Pink Gorilla  
Big Bite Detroit  
Nitza's

East Side Mario's  
Panago  
Pizza 73  
Panini's

Sir Donair  
Coliseum  
UFO

## MOST UNIQUE

Big Bite Detroit  
Panago  
UFO

## BEST MEAT

Panago  
Panini's  
Rebel

## BEST HAWAIIAN

Big Bite Detroit  
Nitza's  
Donna's Eatery

## BEST VEGGIE

Nitza's  
Panini's  
Coliseum

## BEST DONAIR

Big Bite Detroit  
Buster's  
Sir Donair

## BEST VEGAN

Pink Gorilla  
Panago  
Pizza 73

## BEST GLUTEN-FREE

Pink Gorilla  
East Side Mario's

## HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Firezone Pizza  
Sepp's  
Rosso  
Bianco

Joe West Pizza  
Famoso  
Boston Pizza (Beverly)  
Domino's (Capilano)  
Lorenzo's Italian Kitchen  
Campiono Brewing Co.

Al Centro  
Pizza Firm  
Canadian Brew House  
Little Ceasers (St. Albert)



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