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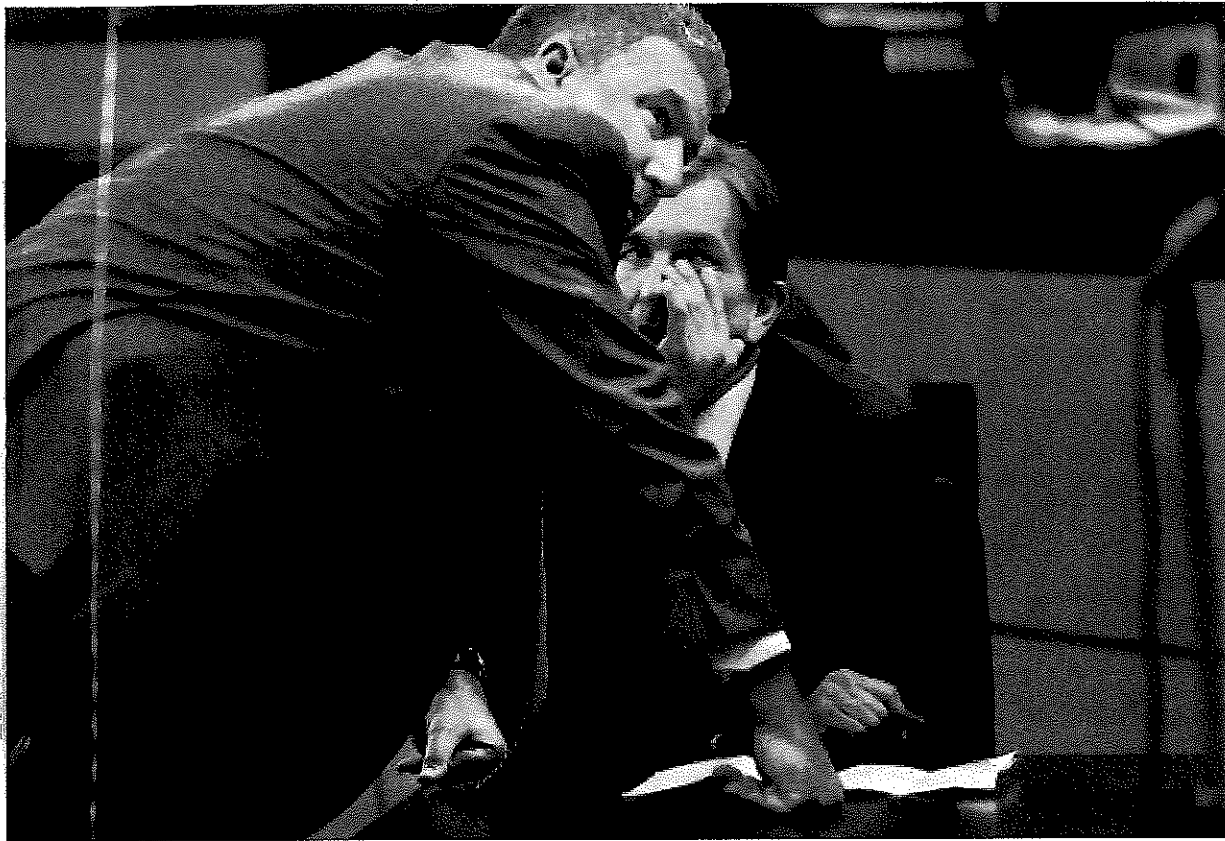
John Goodman sits with his attorney, Guy Fronstin, during a court hearing Friday about the damage to his ankle monitor.

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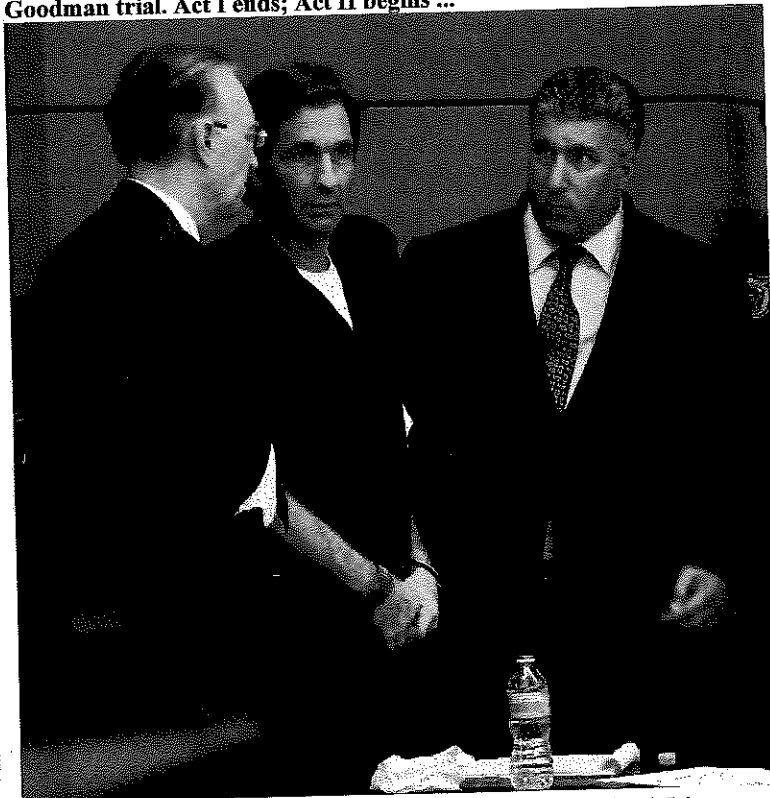
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## John Goodman DUI manslaughter trial



John Goodman talks to attorney Guy Fronstin during a break from jury selection in his DUI manslaughter trial in West Palm Beach, Fla., Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Goodman is accused of driving drunk and leaving the scene of the February 2010 crash that killed 23-year-old Scott Wilson. (Lannis Waters/The Palm Beach Post)

### Goodman trial. Act I ends; Act II begins ...



Sentenced to 16 years in prison and granted a \$7 million appellate bond, John Goodman's fortune has indefinitely postponed his future. At Friday's hearing, Goodman is seen flanked by his lawyers Roy Black, left, and Guy Fronstin, right. Photo: Lannis Waters/Palm Beach Post.

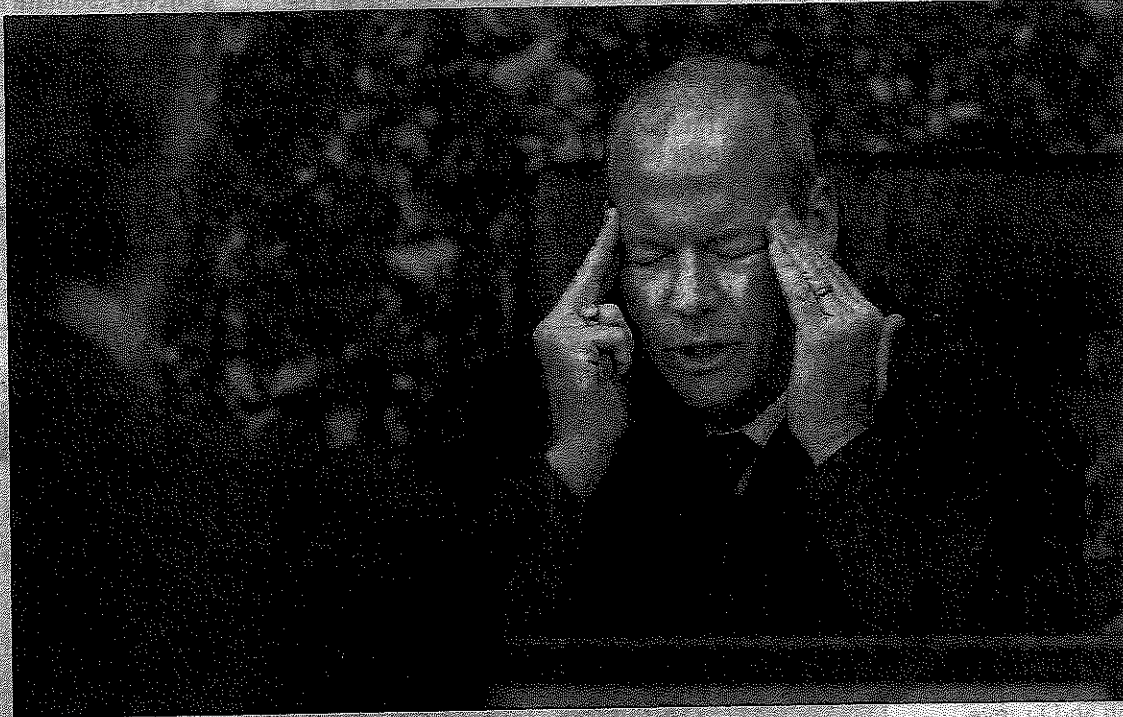


John Goodman sits at the defense table talking with attorneys Mark Shapiro (left) and Guy Fronstin during a hearing Monday when the jurors from Goodman's trial were questioned.

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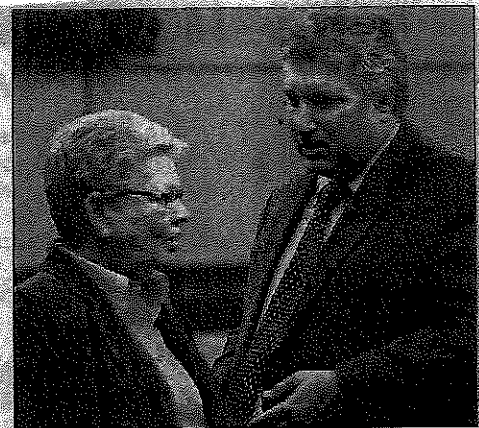
# Goodman lawyers claim more juror misconduct



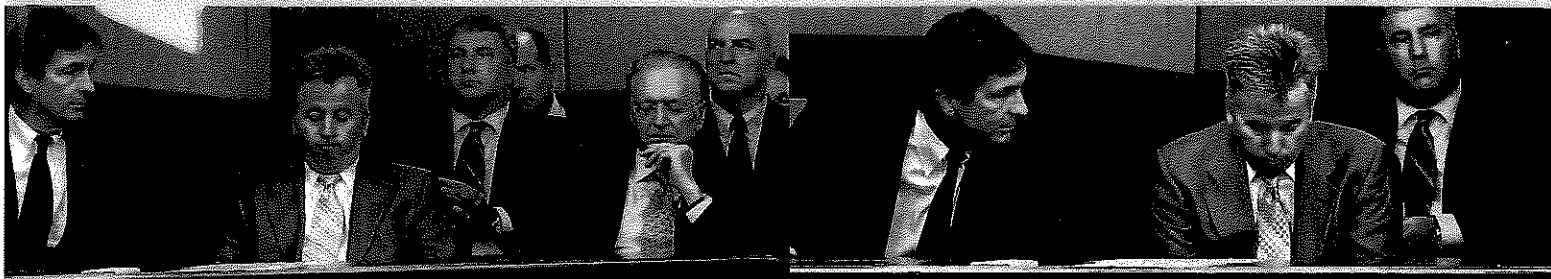
Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Colbath talks by phone Wednesday with John Goodman's attorney, Roy Black, about next week's hearing to question juror Dennis DeMartin. PHOTOS BY LANNIS WATERS / THE PALM BEACH POST



Juror Dennis DeMartin (left) broke rules, John Goodman's team says.



Ellen Roberts (left), who prosecuted the Goodman case, confers with Goodman lawyer Guy Fronstin after Wednesday's hearing about a juror accused of lying.



#### THE DECISION

The defense team reacts to the reading of the verdict. From left: Goodman, Mark Shapiro, who handled most of the expert witnesses, Guy Fronstin, and the lead lawyer, Roy Black.

not an isolated one. In a 2009 divorce filing, Goodman's ex, Carroll Reckling, claimed that she feared for her children's safety "because of his history of substance abuse."

The prosecution had its own potential media problem. Ellen Roberts, the lead prosecutor and Florida's chief expert on traffic homicide cases, was wary of the victim's mother, Lili Wilson. In their first meeting, Lili whispered in Roberts's ear, "Did you get a copy of the videotape?" When Roberts showed no sign of comprehension, Lili persisted. "The videotape. From the satellite. The CIA satellite that secretly videotaped the crash." Lili also demonstrated an appetite for tearful impromptu press conferences in which she complained about delays in the case.

Still, the Goodman case didn't break into national news until February 2012, just weeks before the start of the trial, when the Wilsons' attorneys uncovered an odd maneuver. Several months earlier, Goodman had quietly adopted Heather Colby. His lawyers tried to sell the financial savvy behind the move: Goodman had lost confidence in the management company in charge of the irrevocable trust, estimated to be worth \$400 million, he had set up for his teenage children, and naming someone close to him and of legal age as a beneficiary would give him a voice in its administration. Colby, as his child, would immediately have access to as much as \$133 million in cash (depending on the current value of the trust), a far more useful form of wealth for a prisoner than real estate. Goodman's ex-wife was challenging the move in court, and the Wilsons' legal team in the civil suit considered it a blatant attempt to manipulate assets in anticipation of their damage claims. Polo fans in Wellington, however, believed that the adoption meant Goodman now had access to enough ready cash to continue subsidizing high-goal polo, even from a jail cell.

But most observers weren't titillated by the estate planning implications. They saw sexual perversion. Commentators on *Good Morning America* discussed local incest laws. But since Florida defined incest as an act between blood relations, Goodman was safe on that score. (The altered relationship did not even seem to prohibit marriage, or any resulting conjugal visits, should Goodman wind up in jail.) The judge ruling on pretrial motions called the

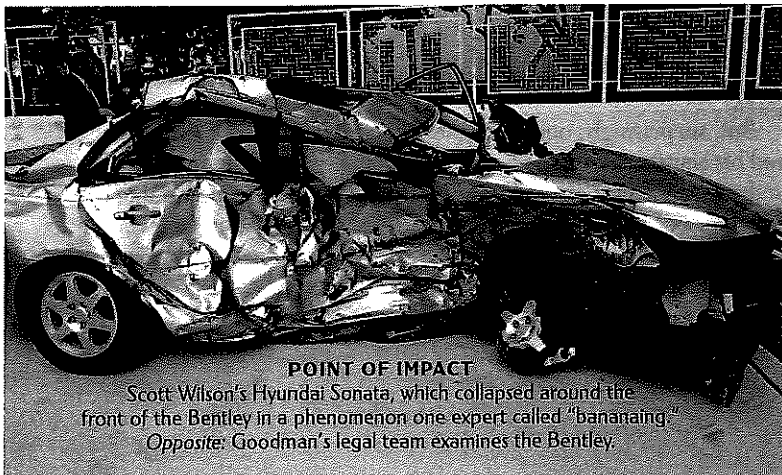
adoption "surreal," saying it took the court into a legal twilight zone.

The public furor helped in one regard. It gave support to Roy Black's petitions for a change of venue. Although that motion was repeatedly denied, the presiding judge on the criminal case, Jeffrey Colbath, did allow for a very elaborate jury selection process, with individual interviews designed to screen out candidates who, based on their exposure to the media, had already made up their minds about the case. The jury interviews allowed lawyers on both sides to test elements of their case and to begin, if not seducing the jury, at least winning it over. Black, who married a juror from the William Kennedy Smith case (she currently appears on Bravo as one of the *Real Housewives of Miami*), began every interview with a woman by asking, for example, "Is that Miss or Mrs. Citamer?" with a courtly I've-got-all-the-time-in-the-world-for-you smile. The assistant state's attorney, Sherri Collins, a law citation wizard who favored dark pantsuits, often undid the buttons on her peak-labeled jacket to reveal that day's choice of form-fitting camisole. Once the individual questioning had been completed and the standard collective voir dire commenced, Collins began establishing a bantering rapport ("Mr. Kingman, you've had four wives. You probably can tell when someone's lying") that she would easily slip back into later in the case.

The two sides wanted different things in the six-member jury. The prosecution wanted mothers and veterans and nurses, people with little sympathy for a "moment of weakness" defense. The defense seemed to want a combination of engineering background (for all the expert testimony they knew was coming), sense of humor, and fondness for drink. It soon became apparent that they viewed having had at least one concussion, or an incident of temporary amnesia, as a plus.

Each side used the process to covertly lay the groundwork for its case. Collins pointed out that the accident involved a Bentley, an expensive car. She then asked if there was "anyone who feels that the law applies differently to someone who has money?" It was a roiling and disingenuous question that seemed designed to stimulate the sense of class difference, but it was hard for the defense to object to a subtext.

But the prosecution did object strenuously when Black began floating test balloons during his portion of the questioning, asking a nurse if it was always apparent when someone has suffered a head injury, or if anyone found it ridiculous to drink alcohol to relieve pain, or if anyone in the front row was familiar with the concept of sudden acceleration. The judge warned him about conditioning the jury, and when Black returned to questioning he said, "The question is being withdrawn. As



#### POINT OF IMPACT

Scott Wilson's Hyundai Sonata, which collapsed around the front of the Bentley in a phenomenon one expert called "banananaing." Opposite: Goodman's legal team examines the Bentley.



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"I think it validated what Mr. and Mrs. Wilson felt when they heard about the adoption last year," Smith said. "They could have just said they had cause to vacate the adoption and left it at that, but to call it deliberate and to use words like fraud — I think it says a lot."

Carroll Goodman and Jeffrey Goddess, a guardian acting on behalf of Goodman's children, appealed the adoption last year, but a Miami judge ruled that although Carroll Goodman and the children's guardian had the right to know about the adoption proceeding before they were final, the move did not constitute fraud at a level that would warrant a reversal of the adoption. The Miami-based appellate panel disagreed, and said both Carroll Goodman and the children were directly impacted by the decision, given that the addition of Hutchins to the trust shrunk each child's share from half to one-third.

The appellate's court ruling now means that Hutchins will no longer have access to the trust. West Palm Beach Attorney Guy Fronstin, another member of Goodman's criminal defense team, said the ruling has no impact on the criminal case against him. Although rumors arose late last year that Goodman and Hutchins had broken up, Fronstin on Wednesday said the couple is still together.

Fronstin said Goodman's focus now is on fresh misconduct allegations against juror Dennis DeMartin. The newest claim from Goodman's team, filed Tuesday, is that DeMartin, who chronicled his drinking experiment in Goodman's case in a self-published book called "Believing in the Truth," has revealed even more troubling information in a new book he published earlier this month.

Specifically, Goodman's team says DeMartin withheld from the court the fact that his ex-wife was once arrested on DUI charges — an arrest that led her to a DUI treatment program where she met an alcoholic and started an affair that ultimately ended their marriage.

Most of DeMartin's new book, titled "Will She Kiss Me or Kill Me," chronicles his experience dating a woman who is bipolar. But in the first chapter he focuses on his ex-wife, who he said walked away from an accident that totaled her sports car after she'd been drinking. Goodman was convicted of walking away from the crash that killed Wilson. His defense was that he suffered a concussion that left him dazed after the wreck and led him to wander to a friend's "man cave," where chugged alcohol to soothe the pain of his injuries.

DeMartin in jury selection never disclosed the arrest, though others in the panel openly discussed similar situations. Had Goodman's defense team known of the arrest, attorneys Richard Strafer and Roy Black wrote, they would certainly have followed up with questions that would have revealed how the arrest led to the marriage ending affair with another drinker and eventually asked the judge to strike him from the panel.

Goodman's team, who is already asking for a new trial based on Demartin's drinking experiment, has now asked the 4th District Court of Appeal to halt its review of their appeal so that they can present the new evidence to the trial judge, Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath, in hopes of winning a new trial.

"Since the evidence provided in our motion reveals that Mr. Goodman's jury was tainted," Fronstin said, "he deserves a new and fair trial."

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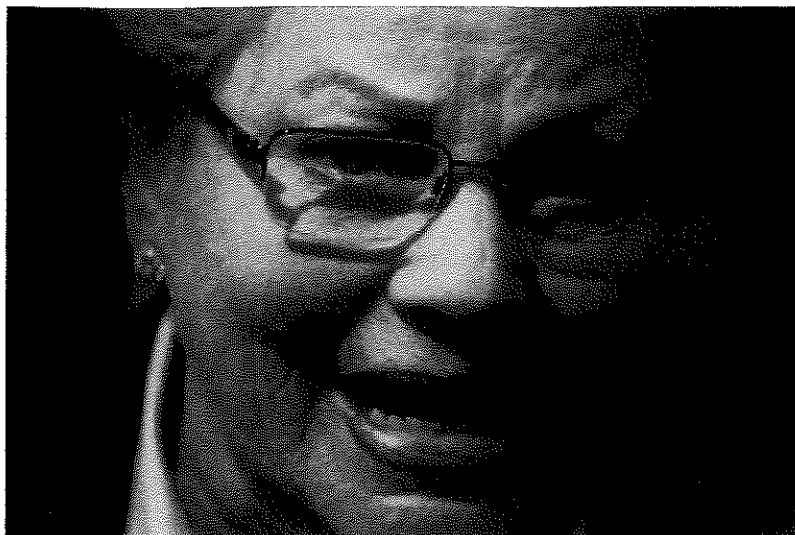
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**WEST PALM BEACH** — Claims of conflict of interest on the part of the former prosecutor who led the DUI manslaughter case against Wellington polo mogul John Goodman has become the newest battleground in his legal team's fight for a new trial.

On Wednesday, Goodman's legal team filed a motion with the state's 4th District Court of Appeal asking the court to relinquish its jurisdiction in the high-profile case. Defense attorneys want to argue to Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath that former Assistant State Attorney Ellen Roberts used Goodman's prosecution first to try to get herself appointed interim state attorney, and then to secure a post-retirement job with a firm representing the victim's father.

Attorneys Roy Black and Richard Strafer allege that Roberts asked Scott Smith, an attorney for 23-year-old Scott Wilson's father William, to put in a good word for her with his politically connected family last year, when Roberts was trying to be appointed interim state attorney. When her quest failed, they said, she began angling for a job at the accident injury firm Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath, where Smith is a partner.

This all happened, they said, as she vigorously prosecuted Goodman for the February 2010 Wellington crash that killed Scott Wilson after Goodman's Bentley pushed Wilson's Hyundai into a canal, where he drowned.

Both Roberts and Smith on Wednesday called the allegations a desperate ploy by Goodman's team to get him out of his conviction and looming 16-year prison sentence.

"If they're filing this kind of stuff now, obviously it must mean the appeal isn't going too well," Roberts said of the filing. "We did absolutely nothing wrong."

Lawyers for Goodman, now on house arrest while he appeals his case, say Roberts was hoping her position as Goodman's prosecutor would help her get Smith to ask his brothers in law — U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Punta Gorda and state Rep. Pat Rooney, R-Palm Beach Gardens — to recommend her to Florida Gov. Rick Scott as he was considering who to appoint as interim state attorney for Palm Beach County.

But Tom Rooney laughed at the notion when reached by phone Wednesday, explaining quickly that he's known "Mrs. Roberts" since he was 13 or 14 years old. Rooney attended grade school with Roberts' daughter, and credits Roberts as one of the reasons he became a prosecutor.

"I've known Mrs. Roberts much longer than he has," Rooney said of Smith. "I spoke to her directly about the recommendation, and I wanted to do everything I could to help her. To suggest it was anything else is just absurd."

Though Roberts made the short list of candidates for the interim job, Gov. Scott eventually appointed former deputy attorney general Peter Antonacci.



Emails attached to Goodman's request show Roberts and Smith exchanged correspondence about her working at the Lytal Reiter firm after Goodman's conviction, but before he was sentenced. Roberts began working at the firm three days a week shortly after she retired last May.

Smith, on Wednesday, said he wooed Roberts to the firm because he was impressed with her work, and their negotiations came long after he and attorney Christian Searcy helped negotiate a \$40 million settlement of the wrongful death suit William and Lili Wilson filed against Goodman, founder of the International Polo Club Palm Beach, on behalf of their son.

"I've said this so many times before, and I'll say it again now: Mr. Goodman continues to try to blame others when he was the one who ran a stop sign at nearly twice the speed limit and left the scene of the crash where 23-year-old Scott Patrick Wilson died. We can't ever forget that," Smith said.

Goodman is currently free on a \$7 million cash appellate bond and, as a condition of his release, must pay for two off-duty sheriff's deputies to guard him at all times.

His legal team, through attorney Guy Fronstin, declined to comment further on the pleading.

Because Goodman had already filed his appeal with the 4th DCA, the appellate court would have to surrender jurisdiction back to the trial court for Colbath to make a ruling on the motion.

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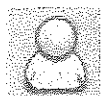
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## Latest Goodman DUI manslaughter appeal filing not only seeks new trial, but new judge

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**WEST PALM BEACH** — Attorneys for Wellington polo mogul John Goodman are intensifying their appeal of his conviction and 16-year prison sentence on DUI manslaughter charges, even as they fight to get the case returned to the trial court to argue accusations against the lead prosecutor in the case.

Defense attorneys Richard Strafer and Roy Black filed their final arguments on Goodman's appeal Thursday as the case gears up for a possible oral argument and eventual ruling from Florida's 4th District Court of Appeal, which will ultimately decide whether Goodman's complaints of bad court rulings and juror misconduct in his March 2012 trial are enough to throw out his conviction.

Goodman attorney Guy Fronstin on Friday said that the filing marked the conclusion of the written pre-ruling arguments.

The 35-page defense argument, delivered to the court Thursday but made available Friday, is much shorter than Goodman's initial appeal filed last year but contains some of the strongest words yet in the case surrounding the Feb. 12, 2010 crash that led to the drowning death of 23-year-old Scott Wilson. Goodman is arguing that unfair rulings from Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath and the interests of "third parties" looking to make money from Goodman's case should earn him a new trial — in front of another judge.

Part of the arguments include a reference to the defense's recent request to have the appellate court temporarily send the case back to Colbath so he could rule on whether a prosecutor, now-retired Assistant State Attorney Ellen Roberts, created a conflict of interest for herself through her interactions with a civil attorney for Wilson's father as she led the case against Goodman. But there are also references to the Wilson family attorneys' provision of a free lawyer to a witness in the case, juror Dennis DeMartin's dreams of publishing a book and an expert paid by Bentley's parent company to debunk Goodman's claims his luxury car malfunctioned.

"Together these incidents underscore how the financial interests of third parties thoroughly undermined the integrity of the proceedings," Strafer wrote.

Strafer and Black also blasted Colbath's handling of accusations of juror misconduct in the case. In particular, the lawyers took exception to Colbath's practice of having his staff forward to attorneys letters sent to him post-trial from jurors without reading them himself — a move defense attorneys say failed to give them immediate notice of several accusations of jury misconduct.

"The Court's practice of willful blindness is nothing short of an abdication of its judicial responsibilities," Strafer wrote.

As of Friday, there had been no response from the 4th DCA on the request surrounding Roberts. But now the panel will have to also digest what is expected to be the last round in a volley of legal pleadings in Goodman's appeal before a possible oral argument in the case. Goodman's legal team had filed an initial appellate brief with the 4th DCA last year.

Their filing this week is in response to the Florida Attorney General office's answer to the appeal from December.

The most promising avenue for a potential new trial for Goodman still appears to be a published revelation from juror DeMartin, who in a book wrote that he conducted his own drinking experiment on the night before deliberations to see whether Goodman would have been impaired based on testimony of how much he drank on the night of the crash that sent Wilson's car into a canal.

Goodman himself, meanwhile, remains on house arrest as a condition of his \$7 million appellate bond. He's had to pay for two off-duty Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputies to guard him at all times since his release last summer.

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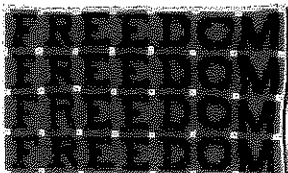
*State wants judge to revoke \$7 million appellate bond*

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Did John Goodman's electronic ankle monitor break accidentally or because of tampering? That's the key question to be decided at a high-stakes criminal court hearing Tuesday.

Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath is expected to decide whether the Wellington polo executive can again leave the Palm Beach County Jail on bond pending his appeal of a DUI manslaughter conviction and prison sentence.

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While the appeal is ongoing, Goodman's house arrest privileges were taken away late in the evening of Oct. 10, when authorities responded to an alert that his bracelet became inoperable.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw and his deputies accused Goodman — heir to a Texas heating and air conditioning fortune and founder of International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington — of intentionally destroying the GPS monitoring device with a handheld mirror in one of his mansion's bathrooms.

Goodman, who was paying \$2,000 a day for two deputies to guard him on the property, reported he accidentally hit the monitor on a shower door.

At a hearing Oct. 12, Assistant State Attorney Sherri Collins argued the break from the mirror appeared to be deliberate and asked the judge to permanently revoke Goodman's bond and start the clock on his prison sentence.

But Colbath granted a request from Goodman's defense attorneys to suspend the hearing, to allow time for court-recorded interviews with deputies and an independent laboratory in Stuart to inspect the broken ankle monitor.

Those tests were performed Dec. 3, with an intact device used for comparison. A state crime lab also inspected the damaged monitor. The results of these examinations will be discussed when the hearing resumes Tuesday.

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Collins said the state will stick with its request for Goodman to remain behind bars because of the incident.

Guy Fronstin, one of the attorney's defending Goodman, said his client did not try to break the monitor and should return home to wait out his appeal.

The state Attorney General's office filed papers last week urging the appellate court to uphold the polo mogul's March conviction and subsequent sentencing. Among numerous arguments, the state contends Colbath was right in denying a new trial for Goodman despite juror misconduct: a drinking experiment by juror Dennis DeMartin.

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After the trial, DeMartin, of Delray Beach, said he had three vodka drinks the night before the verdict in an effort to assess how impaired Goodman might have been during the crash. DeMartin later published a book that recounts the experiment.

The state also rejected Goodman's other reasons for the appeal, stating that Colbath: properly denied a motion for judgment of acquittal; did not violate Goodman's due process rights; did not err by limiting the cross-examination of a witness; and did not make mistakes in jury instructions. Also, the state dismissed Goodman's contention that a litany of other errors warrants a new trial.

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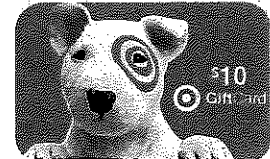
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Judge denies state's request to revoke \$7 million bond

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John Goodman is going home with a new court-ordered ankle monitor in time for Christmas.

Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath on Tuesday ordered the Wellington polo magnate to return to house arrest on a \$7 million bond for the duration of Goodman's appeal of a DUI manslaughter conviction and 16-year prison sentence.

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Colbath's ruling came at the end of a 3 1/2 hour court hearing featuring conflicting testimony and arguments over whether Goodman, 49, intentionally broke his GPS ankle bracelet in his home bathroom late on Oct. 10.

The judge said the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office, on Tuesday and on Oct. 12 during the first part of the hearing, failed to prove Goodman tampered with the tracking device and should have his bond revoked.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office had accused Goodman of cracking it open with a handheld mirror that left blue paint from the mirror on the monitor.

But Goodman, who has been isolated in the Palm Beach County Jail since the incident, on Tuesday testified that the break was accidental and happened as he stepped out of his shower just after 7 p.m.

"It's not intentional," he said. "Absolutely not."

At the hearing, prosecutor Sherri Collins veered from the accusation by the Sheriff's Office that Goodman used a mirror to hack at the device. She said he intentionally broke it in a way that will remain a mystery.

"I don't think we're ever going to know the answer how he did it," Collins said, suggesting he could have used a vise. "There is no way it happened accidentally. These monitors just don't break open on their own."

Colbath said it wasn't clear how the monitor broke, nor was there any evidence Goodman had planned an escape from his mansion after being on house arrest since shortly after his May sentencing. The judge said Goodman had no motive to destroy the monitor and risk trading the comforts of home for a jail cell.

"Why on earth would he want to do that?" Colbath said. "There's no reason I could think of."



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Goodman walked away from the scene and called authorities hours later. He and his attorneys have asked the 4th District Court of Appeal in West Palm Beach to overturn his conviction and sentencing.

After Tuesday's hearing, Goodman was led back to jail in handcuffs and leg shackles while officials prepare for his return to house arrest. He will spend at least one more night in jail before going back to his estate, which covers almost 80 acres, is valued at \$5.9 million and includes a house with 7,563 square feet of living space.

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The heir to a Texas heating and air conditioning fortune and founder of International Polo Club Palm Beach, Goodman will be subjected again to strict conditions. He'll be limited to one hour a day of outdoor recreation and pay \$2,000 a day for two deputies to guard him.

But Guy Fronstin, one of Goodman's attorneys, said his client was "extremely pleased that Judge Colbath recognized that there was absolutely no evidence to support the state's allegation he tampered with his ankle bracelet."

At the hearing, Fronstin argued the electronic monitor was affected by "normal everyday wear and tear."

Goodman, speaking in a calm voice on the witness stand, said it broke when it grazed against his shower.

But John Christopher Defant, a vice president with ankle monitor manufacturer 3M Electronic Monitoring, Inc., told the judge the device can't be broken by accident and that force was necessary. However, he said he couldn't determine how Goodman's monitor became damaged.

Both a state crime laboratory analyst and a private consultant working for the defense, testified that there was no evidence that a tool was used to break it. Another analyst said there was no evidence of paint from the mirror on the device.

Under questioning from Fronstin, Goodman said he was in a pleasant frame of mind before the incident and viewed it as just "another day."

"I'm under house arrest but I'm fine," he said, describing his day of holding business meetings by phone, having a dance lesson, and plans for dinner with his mother.

Goodman said his ankle monitor had occasionally been hit as he made normal movements or played tennis.

"It's just like wearing a watch," he said. "I try to be careful with it. But it becomes part of moving your body."

Goodman said he took the damaged monitor to a deputy after he got dressed following his shower and they examined it before calling for help.

Goodman said he was stunned when he was taken to jail more than three hours later by other deputies because he assumed they were only going to replace the device.

"I did not think it was a big deal at all," he recalled. "I said, 'I didn't tamper with anything.'"

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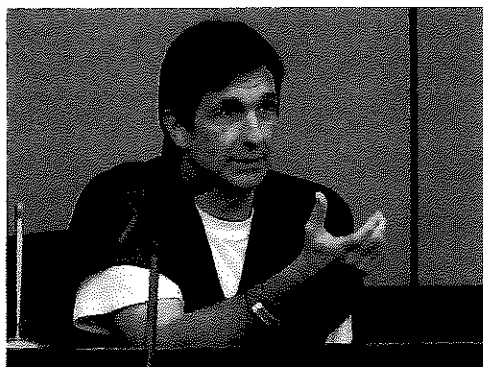
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**WEST PALM BEACH** — Wellington polo mogul John Goodman is expected to be home from jail in time for Christmas after a judge ruled Tuesday that state prosecutors failed to prove that Goodman intentionally broke his house-arrest monitor in an October incident.

Prosecutors had asked that Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath revoke Goodman's \$7 million appellate bond, and make him begin serving his 16-year sentence on his March conviction for DUI manslaughter in the February 2010 crash that killed 23-year-old Scott Wilson.

After hearing testimony Tuesday from deputies, experts and Goodman Colbath said he may never know how the International Polo Club founder's ankle monitor smashed open but said he felt strongly that Goodman had no intention of violating the strict terms of his release.

Goodman recounted how deputies allowed him an hour a day outside his sprawling Wellington estate for exercise — which he opted to use playing tennis on an average of six days a week.

On the day before deputies took him back to jail, Goodman said, he spent most of the day making calls and attending business conferences by phone. And in the afternoon, he had a 90-minute salsa lesson — before making a few more business calls and heading for the shower.

"What motivation does he have?" Colbath asked. "He's sitting fat and pretty while his appeal is going on. There's no evidence that there was a grand escape afoot.

"Why would he do it? There's no reason I can think of," the judge said before ruling at the end of a nearly four-hour hearing.

Tuesday's hearing was a continuation of an Oct. 12 hearing that came shortly after Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputies took Goodman back to jail — cutting short a five-month stint on house arrest, in which he also agreed to pay for two off-duty deputies to guard him around-the-clock as a condition of his release.

As has become typical for hearings in Goodman's highly publicized case, Tuesday's courtroom match was full of drama and pushed the proceeding well beyond the hour-and-a-half Colbath had scheduled.

Goodman's attorneys Guy Fronstin and Doug Duncan argued that there was evidence that deputies were the ones who pried open Goodman's ankle monitor after discovering a small crack; that Assistant State Attorney Sherri Collins kept one deputy who knew the truth off the stand; and that the marks on the device that authorities said showed Goodman tried to tamper with it turned out to be smudges from the paint on his tennis court — where he had fallen several times during his recreation time.

Goodman testified that he hit the monitor on a glass shower door accidentally one night and had no idea it would eventually earn him a trip to jail.

"I didn't think it was a big deal at all," said Goodman. "Everyone was calm. I just thought that they would tell me what to do."

Instead, Goodman said, he was handcuffed and left on a couch while deputies searched his house. Eventually, they took him to jail.

Goodman testified that the crack in the device had been relatively small, saying a sheriff's sergeant manually broke the device open before deputies took any photos of it.

Providing what would become the most controversial testimony of the hearing, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Deputy Bridgette Bott — one of two off-duty deputies working at Goodman's home — testified as a defense witness and corroborated Goodman's account.

Bott also recounted two exchanges with prosecutor Collins, the first of which was a day after the broken ankle monitor incident where Bott said Collins greeted her with the words, "I guess you're the lucky one."

Bott also said Collins kicked her out of the courtroom after a heated confrontation before the Oct. 12 hearing, keeping her from disclosing what she knew to the court after Bott said she heard news accounts of the incident and knew them to be false.

"I was upset," Bott testified. "I've never been kicked out of a courtroom before."

Collins later called Bott's supervisor, Sheriff's Detective Gabe Carino, to refute Bott's version of the events. But Goodman's defense team answered by calling local defense attorney and former prosecutor Douglas Rudman. Rudman, who was in the courtroom on Oct. 12 for an unrelated hearing, said he witnessed a confrontation between the prosecutor and deputy and later heard Bott tell another deputy that Collins had threatened to have Bott escorted from the courtroom if she didn't leave voluntarily.