

Goudeau's Defense Team Presents Strong Argument

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State is seeking the death penalty

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PHOENIX- Tuesday defense attorneys for the so-called Baseline Killer presented their closing arguments to the jury. They tried to poke holes in the state's theory that Mark Goudeau is the only man tied to all 72 crimes – including nine murders.

The defense team came out swinging. Attorney Randall Craig – right off the bat – almost shouted at the jury. He says the state's case has a lot of problems with it, including the fact no murder weapon has ever been recovered.

Craig also says at least one of the victims who identified Goudeau only did so after seeing him on TV.

"They have made the statement that this guy was a ravenous careful cunning wolf," he said.

Mark Goudeau focuses his attention on his attorney's rather passionate closing argument. Randall Craig says the picture prosecutors painted of his client – just doesn't make sense.

"We have 16 separate crime scenes. Are we to assume that Mr. Goudeau is that thorough to wipe down evidence at every scene, that methodical, that careful, yet he is so negligent as to leave Tina Washington's jewelry, a ski mask and shoes with blood on it, when they say he knew he was under surveillance? This is ridiculous."

Craig points out victims gave multiple descriptions of their attacker, and some simply do not fit Goudeau.

Craig also insinuated the Phoenix Police Department was tired after this year long crime spree – and made mistakes collecting evidence.

"They overzealously began to build a case around a suspect instead of investigating the crimes and finding the suspect," he says.

During a short break, cameras capture a faint smile from Goudeau – he also says quietly "you're doing a good job" to his attorney.

As for the DNA evidence prosecutors say ties him to some of the crime scenes –

"You are reliant on what they tell you they found in a laboratory, don't you want to see a little bit more, something at the scene, to show you he was at least present, don't you want to see some witnesses?" he asked the jury.

Late this afternoon – prosecutors presented their rebuttal. The jury will get the case Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., and begin deliberations.

If Goudeau is found guilty of just one of the nine murders he's charged with he could get the death penalty.

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