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AARON HERNANDEZ MURDER TRIAL

Some gun testimony is stricken by judge

By Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press

FALL RIVER, Mass. — The judge overseeing the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez on Thursday struck some testimony from an employee of firearms manufacturer Glock, who said surveillance video showed Hernandez carrying a gun less than 10 minutes after the killing.

The decision by Superior Court Judge Susan Garsh came as Hernandez's defense team aggressively went after Glock's Kyle Aspinwall. Aspinwall on Wednesday identified a black object in Hernandez's hand several times on the video as a gun and, at times, more specifically as a Glock.

Aspinwall's testimony Wednesday was the most conclusive yet to put a weapon in Hernandez's hand around the time of the slaying of Odin Lloyd, who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. The defense has said the object could have been a TV remote, iPad or another electronic device.

Garsh initially denied a request Thursday morning by Hernandez lawyer James Sultan to strike Aspinwall's entire testimony. Later, after questioning Aspinwall outside the jury's hearing about how he formed his opinion, Garsh told jurors they must disregard some of his testimony. She told them they can still consider his testimony that identifies the object as a gun based on the back strap, but they can't consider his testimony about other characteristics, including a trigger guard and front strap.

She also reminded them that his testimony is his opinion, and they are free to accept or reject it.

Sultan on Thursday went after Aspinwall's credentials and motivations for concluding that Hernandez was holding a weapon. Aspinwall is a former police chief from New Hampshire and has worked at Glock for two years.

"You knew that the prosecution team wanted you to say that the object in Mr. Hernandez's hand was a handgun

and that it was a Glock," Sultan asked him.

"Yes, I believe that they were hoping that I could render that opinion," Aspinwall replied.

"You are by no means an expert in weapons identification, are you?" Sultan continued.

"I don't consider myself an expert. No," Aspinwall replied. "You don't have any supernatural powers of vision, do you?" Sultan added, drawing an objection from the prosecutor, which the judge sustained. Sultan also showed Aspinwall photos and an example of a pellet gun that had some similar characteristics to a Glock. Aspinwall acknowledged that he could not tell from a photo of several guns whether all of them were real.

Sultan also played several video clips and displayed photos taken from some of the same video that showed Hernandez holding a glowing object, which Aspinwall acknowledged could be an iPad or other similar electronic device.



Associated Press

In this courtroom sketch, Dun Meng, far right, testifies with a translator at his side Thursday during the trial of Boston Marathon bombings suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS TRIAL

Carjack victim tells of harrowing ride

BOSTON (AP) — A carjacking victim on Thursday described his harrowing ride at gunpoint with the Boston Marathon bombers three days after the attack and the moment he made the terrifying decision to bolt from the car.

Dun Meng, a Chinese national who moved to the U.S. in 2009 to attend Boston's Northeastern University, testified in bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's trial that he had left work in Cambridge late on the night of April 18, 2013, when he pulled over and returned a text message.

A car quickly pulled up behind him, a man got out and knocked on his passenger-side window. Meng said he thought the man was asking for directions, so he lowered his window. The man then reached in, opened the door and quickly jumped into his car, Meng said.

"He point a gun to me — right to my head — he ask money first, 'Where's your cash?'" Meng said.

Meng said he later learned the man was Tamerlan Tsarnaev, one of two brothers who had detonated twin bombs near the finish line of the marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260. Hours before the carjacking, the FBI had publicly released photos of the Tsarnaevs as suspects in the bombing.

Meng said he told Tamerlan Tsarnaev he had only about \$40

in cash, and Tsarnaev pulled the magazine out of his gun to show him the bullets inside.

"He told me, 'You know I'm serious so don't be stupid.'"

Meng said Tsarnaev asked him if he knew who committed the Boston Marathon bombing.

"He said, 'I did it, and I just killed a policeman in Cambridge,'" Meng said.

Meng said he realized then that this was more than a robbery. "I was very scared," he said.

Prosecutors said shortly before the carjacking, the Tsarnaev brothers shot Massachusetts Institute of Technology police Officer Sean Collier in a failed attempt to steal his gun.

After driving around for 20 or 30 minutes, Meng said, Tamerlan told him to pull over on a street in Watertown and a sedan pulled up behind them. Meng said Tamerlan helped a man in that car load items from the sedan into Meng's Mercedes-Benz SUV.

Meng identified the second man as Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, pointing to him in court. "The gentleman over there," he said.

Meng said Tamerlan drove his car to a bank machine in Watertown, where Dzhokhar asked him for his pin number and then withdrew money from his account.

Meng said he decided to make his escape after Tamerlan pulled into a gas station and Dzhokhar went inside to pay.

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