

Soering's Ex-Girlfriend Subpoenaed To Testify

BEDFORD (AP) — Prosecutors have subpoenaed Elizabeth Haysom, serving a 90-year prison sentence in her parents' slayings, to testify against her former boyfriend, Jens Soering.

Soering, 23, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the 1985 slayings of Ms. Haysom's parents in their Boonsboro home. Soering was indicted in the slayings of Derek and Nancy Haysom in June 1986, but fought extradition from Great Britain for four years.

British officials returned Soering to Bedford last week on the condition that he would not face the death penalty.

Ms. Haysom was among 20 witnesses issued subpoenas Thursday by Commonwealth's Attorney James Updike to testify at Soering's March trial, according to documents filed in Bedford County Circuit Court.

At her 1987 sentencing hearing, Ms. Haysom told Circuit Judge William Sweeney that she wanted to see Soering brought to justice.

"I want Jens to come back here and stand trial," she said. "I thought that if I were found guilty,

he'd be found guilty too. I want him brought to justice."

Ms. Haysom pleaded guilty to being an accessory before the fact in her parents' deaths.

At the hearing she said she never plotted with Soering to kill the couple, but pleaded guilty because she thought she should have intervened to stop the slayings.

Ms. Haysom said she hated her parents intensely, and wrote letters to Soering expressing that hatred. "It was irresponsible to write those things ... I feel responsible for allowing him to kill my parents," Ms. Haysom told the judge.

Her testimony at the sentencing differed from statements she made previously to police. She originally had said she and Soering talked about the slayings for weeks in advance and then set up an alibi to cover their plan.

Updike also has subpoenaed six Bedford County Sheriff's Department officials, a Lynchburg police investigator, several experts who analyzed evidence at the scene and a family friend who found the Haysoms' bodies, among others.

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