

## **Accused killer sent for more testing**

**Psychiatric report inconclusive for man charged with killing sister-in-law and beating cabbie**

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EDMONTON - Psychiatrists disagree about whether Kenneth Butler was able to understand what he was doing when he allegedly beat a cabbie into a coma and murdered his brother's wife.

Provincial court Judge David Tilley agreed today with Crown prosecutor Nicole Lachance, who said the report was inconclusive at best.

"There seems to be a variation ... amongst the psychiatrists," Tilley said before ordering Butler to return to Alberta Hospital, where he will undergo 30 days of further psychological testing.

The psychological assessment will help lawyers determine whether Butler could be found criminally responsible for the crimes he is alleged to have committed. Tilley refused a media request to make the assessment available to the public.

On April 4, Butler tried to visit his brother Michael at his southeast Edmonton home. Michael and his wife, Stephanie, were aware of Kenneth's troubled past and called police.

Butler was arrested but released the following morning on \$300 bail. He was ordered to stay away from Michael and Stephanie's home.

One day after his release, police were called to the same area to investigate the beating of 61-year-old cab driver Pavan Chohan.

Police believe Stephanie Butler was attacked and killed in her home while officers were outside investigating the assault on the cab driver.

Her parents found her body the following day.

Kenneth Butler's family later said he had a long history of erratic behaviour, mental-health problems and drug addiction.

He is expected to make his next court appearance on Dec. 28.