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## Jury will hear interview details

By JODI ANDES  
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**BUCYRUS** — Jurors in the Kevin Keith murder trial will hear details of the star witness's hospital-bed interview.

Attorneys argued Thursday whether Richard Warren identified Keith as the man who shot him only after police supplied the witness with Keith's name.

The defense wanted to suppress Warren's statements on grounds that police led him on, but Crawford County Common Pleas Judge Nelfred Kimerline disagreed and allowed the evidence to be presented to the jury.

Opening arguments were set to begin Thursday morning when defense attorney James Banks put the triple murder trial on hold by asking to keep Warren's statement from jurors.

"Nowhere in there does Richard Warren name his shooter as Kevin," Banks said, referring to Warren's statement.

Less than an hour after the motion was placed on Kimerline's desk, the newly selected jury went home for the day so the attorneys could do battle.

Bucyrus Police Capt. John Stanley said Warren, who was shot four times, told a nurse after surgery in a Columbus

**STATE OPPOSITION** — Crawford County Prosecutor Russell Wiseman offers an opposing argument to a defense motion for suppression of evidence raised Thursday.

hospital that the gunman's name was "Kevin." Warren told Stanley he did not know the gunman's last name.

Stanley said the nurse called to tell police of Warren's statement. But Stanley admitted he never asked Warren directly who the shooter was.

Warren gave police the statement from his hospital bed on Feb. 14, the day after he was shot four times.

Crawford County Prosecutor Russ Wiseman said Warren's trouble in identifying the gunman became less important as other facets of the investigation began to point toward Keith.

"Indeed, he (Warren) didn't even

say with certainty it was Keith," Wiseman said. "From that point on, identification was made in other ways."

In overturning Banks' motion, Kimerline said, "I do not see anything before the court to indicate that the power of suggestion was so strong to implant the name of Kevin Keith in (Warren's) mind."

The judge told jurors and the attorneys to come back at 9 a.m. today for opening statements.

After getting some information from Warren in the first taped conversation, Stanley explained that he talked to Warren a second time. This time, Stanley

said, he did not think the conversation was taped.

Stanley, who was ordered to the witness stand Thursday after opening arguments were put on hold, said the second time he talked to Warren he gave him four possible last names for the gunman.

Two were fictional and two — including Kevin Keith's — were given because they fit Warren's description of a "big, black male" and were known to Crestline police, Stanley said.

After hearing the names, Warren said he was "75 percent sure" Kevin Keith was the man.

## Mixed message

### Senate issues opposing directives on Bosnia

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Given a choice between going it alone or trying once again to win international support for lifting the U.N. arms embargo against Bosnia, the Senate picked both.

In a peculiar double vote, senators voted 50-49 to lift the embargo unilaterally and, again 50-49, to require that President Clinton once more seek U.N. and NATO support for lifting the embargo before consulting Congress on further steps.

Though contradictory, both provisions remained in the bill as finally passed by the Senate late Thursday on a voice vote.

Bosnia's ambassador to Washington, Sven Alkalaj, was satisfied to count the 92 senators who voted for one or both approaches, with only seven senators going on record against lifting the embargo.

"We consider this a big step forward to finally having our rights to defend ourselves," Alkalaj said after witnessing the votes from the Senate gallery.

ticularly on the right to self-defense."

But Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said the vote ensured that the United States would not act alone to lift the embargo.

Mitchell introduced the measure to seek U.N. action as an alternative to Dole's proposal, but the language of both ended up in the bill.

"What it says is that the Senate favors an end to the embargo ... but is equally divided on the question of how to do it," Mitchell said.

No Republicans voted for Mitchell's approach, but 13 Democrats voted with Dole.

Sen. John Warner said outside the chamber, "There's one word and one answer: farcical." Warner and six other senators voted against both approaches to lifting the embargo, opposing it as a way of escalating the fighting and eventually involving U.S. forces.

"It shows you the ineptitude of the United States Senate at times in giving direction on foreign policy," Warner said. "We sound an uncertain trumpet in the ears of those suffering in Bosnia."