

Jury to get poison trial Tuesday

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ELKHORN, Wis. - Attorneys gave final arguments Monday in the trial of a Wisconsin man accused of poisoning his wife in 1998 and the case is set to be given to jurors Tuesday. Lead prosecutor Robert Jambois presented Internet searches performed on Mark and Julie Jensen's computer and told the jury Internet traffic regarding symptoms of ethylene glycol poisoning pointed to Jensen killing his wife and away from defense contentions she committed suicide, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported. Jensen, 48, is charged with first-degree intentional homicide in the Dec. 3, 1998, death of his 40-year-old wife. Prosecutors say he had his wife drink antifreeze and then smothered her in their Pleasant Prairie home. Jensen's attorneys contend she had been depressed and committed suicide. Kenosha County Circuit Judge Bruce Schroeder decided the jury should begin deliberating at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday after the closing arguments ran to 6 p.m. Monday. Jensen faces life in prison if convicted. The trial, now in its seventh week, was moved from Kenosha County because of pretrial publicity and will be decided by a jury of Walworth County residents. The couple had two sons, now 12 and 17.

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