

RFK Jr. testifies for imprisoned cousin

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NORWALK, Conn. - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. testified Tuesday at a hearing for his cousin, Michael Skakel, who wants a new trial on charges he killed a neighbor in Connecticut.

Kennedy, son of an assassinated presidential candidate, told a story of two troubled young men, The Hartford Courant reported. He said he and Skakel became close in the 1980s when both struggled with addictions and attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings together.

The cousins' lives in middle age have again moved apart. Kennedy is a prominent environmentalist and liberal political activist, while Skakel, convicted in 2002 of killing Martha Moxley more than 25 years earlier when he was 15, is serving 20 years to life.

Skakel has petitioned for a new trial, arguing that there is new evidence that Moxley might have been killed by one or more of three young men -- one of them a prep-school classmate of his -- who were in Greenwich the night she was bludgeoned to death. Kennedy has long maintained that his cousin is innocent.

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