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Two jurors held hands to their faces yesterday when they were shown pictures of the body of a prostitute found rolled in a rug along Interstate 95 in Greenwich nearly four years ago.

The 12 jurors at state Superior Court in Stamford are to determine whether Yuri Hernandez, 29, is guilty of fatally stabbing 26-year-old Sylvia Ann Hunt in his Halloween Boulevard apartment in Stamford.

Hernandez sat quietly for most of the first day of testimony and listened with the help of a Spanish interpreter.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to murder, which carries a maximum penalty of 60 years. He is being held in lieu of \$500,000 at

Murder trial opens in prostitute's death

the Bridgeport Correctional Center.

Hernandez allegedly told a friend about one month before Hunt died that he planned to dedicate himself to killing women because he was disillusioned with them. Court documents said that Hernandez allegedly went to a nightclub two nights after the killing, leaving Hunt's body between his mattress and boxspring.

Hernandez's mother sat behind him in the front row of the gallery with her graying hair pulled back in a long ponytail. The two spoke briefly during intervals in the proceedings.

Afterwards, she did not comment.

The jurors were shown the photographs of Hunt's body while state Associate Medical Examiner Dr. Arkady Katsnelson testified that Hunt died of multiple stab wounds to the chest. He said she was stabbed 15 times.

Hunt was dead for approximately five to seven days before she was found by passersby on Sept. 21, 1986, just west of the Mianus River bridge. She was stabbed with a sharp instrument, possibly a knife, Katsnelson said.

Dr. William Krinsky of Yale University Medical School, who wore a Navy blue tie with yellow wasps on it, corroborated the medical examiner's testimony by saying that maggots, or common fly larvae, found on Hunt's body indicated that she had been dead for about a week.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN POULTER
Defendant Yuri Hernandez, center, is escorted by sheriff's deputies outside state Superior Court in Stamford yesterday.

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