

A 44 year old Clearfield man accused of murdering his mother in March of 2024 at their East Locust Street, Clearfield Borough residence was in Clearfield County Court Monday. 44 year old David Lombardo was facing varying degrees of Murder charges, along with Misdemeanor charges including Tamper with or Fabricate Physical Evidence, and Abuse of a Corpse.

It was alleged that Lombardo smothered his 69 year old Mother to collect a \$5,000 life insurance payment and access to her bank account. Following the alleged murder, Lombardo started an internet fundraising campaign to pay for his mothers funeral expenses, which was later closed by the website.

During jury selection several weeks prior to David Lombardos March 2025 trial, he pleaded guilty to a single count of 3rd Degree Murder.

Lombardo was to be sentenced Monday, however prior to his sentencing a motion was presented to the court requesting that David Lombardo be allowed to withdraw his plea. In the motion, Lombardos counsel cited that in continuing to review evidence provided by the prosecution that was to be used at trial, Lombardo believed that he can demonstrate his innocence in the case due to a lack of evidence.

The prosecution stated that Lombardo already agreed to the plea on the record and if he were to be allowed to withdraw the plea, it would take a great deal of time to schedule another trial, due to the length of the trial, court availability, and availability of witnesses and experts. District Attorney Ryan Sayers did state that if the matter would be rescheduled for trial, he would be prosecuting Lombardo on a charge of 1st Degree Murder, rather than the 3rd Degree charge Lombardo was offered as part of the plea agreement.

President Judge Frederic Ammerman denied the motion, noting that the defense would be able to present the motion again in greater detail at a later date.

Following the ruling David Lombardo was sentenced on 3rd Degree Murder to serve 20 to 40 years in State Prison.

On the advice of counsel Lombardo had not intended to address the court, and his attorney stated that Lombardos mother was basically his best friend, he is very upset over the entire situation, and that he misses his mother very much. Lombardo did speak following his attorney, stating that "I miss her and, you know, wish this never happened,"