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# Defense doctor testifies Barrington man on trial for 2016 murder of his wife 'lacked the capacity to understand his actions'

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Barrington police officers outside of a North Cook Street home where Karen Lotz was shot to death Jan. 15, 2016. Joe Shuman/For Chicago Tribune (Joe Shuman / Chicago Tribune)

A psychiatrist testifying for the defense in the murder trial of Barrington resident Larry Lotz, accused of shooting his wife to death in 2016, said in court Wednesday she believes Lotz was insane for a few moments while the shooting occurred.

Dr. Geeta Bansal -- who was retained by defense attorney Robert Hauser, and has evaluated Lotz and met several times with the defendant and his sons -- said she felt Lotz has been functioning with post traumatic stress disorder for decades, and that cognitive degeneration of his brain over the year and a half prior to the shooting had affected his ability to cope with his issues.

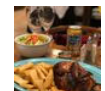
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