

Hernandez to be called to stand in civil wrongful death suit

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BOSTON (WHDH) - Odin Lloyd's mother, Ursula Ward, filed a civil lawsuit against convicted murderer Aaron Hernandez and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, and her lawyer said Hernandez will be called to the stand in the case.

According to the lawsuit, the Patriots still owe Hernandez more than \$3 million, but they are fighting to keep the money because Hernandez did not fulfill his contract.

In the civil lawsuit, Ward's lawyer said the witnesses will be different from the criminal case against Hernandez.

"Including Mr. Aaron Hernandez, and when we do, he will no longer be able to hide behind any sort of Fifth amendment rights against self-incrimination, because he is already convicted of the crime, and when we do call him, Ursula Ward will be by our side to look him in the eye, once he goes under oath and tells his story," said Doug Sheff, Ward's lawyer.

Sheff said this suit is not about money and they are not demanding a specific amount. He said Ward wants to know what happened to her son the night he was killed and Hernandez is the only one can give her answers.

"I thought my life ended with his," Ward said of her son's death. "I always wish I was there to take those bullets for Odin." She also said her son will be missed "tremendously."

Hernandez is already being sued by the families of two men he was accused of killing in Boston. He is also facing mounting legal bills from his criminal case.

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