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After hearing appeals from a convicted murderer and his family, Washington County Circuit Judge Frederick Wright Wednesday denied requests to reduce the 30-year sentence Timothy Lorne Massie is serving for choking and stabbing his wife to death on Valentine's Day five years ago.

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Wright said he felt the sentence imposed for a second-degree murder conviction was appropriate.

"I see no reason to modify or change" the sentence, Wright said.

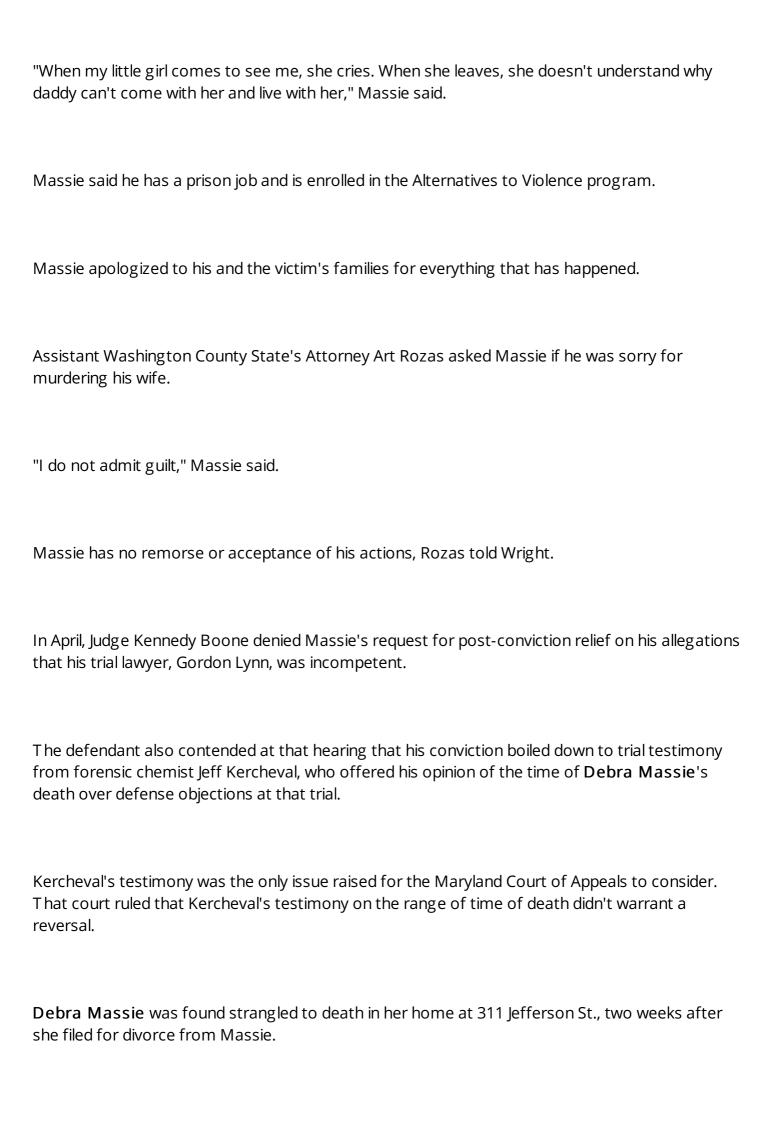
Massie's mother, Virginia Massie, said her son hadn't gotten into trouble growing up and was a benefit to the community.

"He was never a violent person. That's why it's such a shock," she said.

Virginia Massie said she remains unconvinced that her son committed the crime. She said she would like the sentence modified "so that I might have some time with him."

She asked Wright to consider the good things her son had done for the community prior to the murder.

Against the advice of his attorney, Eric Reed, Timothy Massie spoke in his own defense, saying he missed his children and felt sorrow for causing them pain.



Now 36, Massie is serving his sentence at the Roxbury Correctional Institution south of Hagerstown.

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