

Throughout the Eric Koula murder trial in La Crosse, the defense argued that unknown professional killers might have shot Eric's parents two years ago.

Defense witnesses talked about suspicious people watching the neighborhood where Dennis and Merna Koula lived. Now that Eric Koula has been convicted of murdering his parents, La Crosse County Sheriff Steve Helgeson believes that the neighborhood may be a little more at ease. The sheriff realizes that those neighbors were quite worried in the weeks following the double murder.

Eric Koula was arrested eight weeks after the shootings, and was convicted in court this week. Helgeson describes the investigation leading to the arrest as 'remarkably quick.'