

# Convicted Plastic Surgeon Faces More Charges

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Christ Koulis

FRANKLIN, Tenn. - A former plastic surgeon convicted of contributing to his girlfriend's overdose death faces new charges in Kentucky. Last year, a jury convicted Christ Koulis of criminally negligent homicide for Lesa Buchanan's death in July 2005.

He remains free pending an appeal. His conviction in Williamson County violated his probation on a drug conviction in Kentucky. There is a warrant for his arrest stemming from charges in 2002 in Kentucky.



David Raybin

"Koulis was arrested after Buchanan was treated at a hospital for a severe infection. Koulis pleaded guilty to one charge of dispensing a controlled substance and was sentenced to probation in 2003," according to The Associated Press.

"I got on the phone and called Christ and said get in the car and get yourself to Kentucky," said his attorney David Raybin.



Lesa Buchanan

Prosecutors in Boone County, Ky., said his conviction violates his probation on drug charges there.

"He's waiting to turn himself in the morning because apparently it's Presidents Day and everything's closed up there," Raybin said.

A judge could order Koulis to serve five years for writing improper prescriptions. That would be three years more than his Tennessee sentence.



Tara Bentley

"He does face more time in Boone County than he does in Tennessee. But we also know and understand that the judge could simply reinstate different terms of his probation. We just have no idea what's going to happen and that is what's so frustrating," said Buchanan's sister Tara Bentley.

Buchanan's family is angry he remains free. "What is most important to me is that no other family has to go through what we have gone through," Bentley said. Police said Buchanan was strung out on drugs provided by Koulis the weekend she died.

But his attorney said his client, under the law, will fight prosecutors every step of the way. "They're playing games with my client and I'm not going to let them get away with it," Raybin said.

Kentucky prosecutors surprised them with the arrest warrant. Raybin said there was an agreement to hold off until after his client's appeal in Williamson County. He said he will ask to have the warrant thrown out. Koulis is expected to have a bond hearing in Kentucky on Wednesday, according to The Associated Press.