

Former Medical Examiner Testifies in CommSta Murder Trial

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A former state medical examiner says the two men killed in 2012 at the Coast Guard's Kodiak Island Communication Station each suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

Dr. Meredith Lann testified Thursday in the trial of 62-year-old James Wells, who is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Petty Officer James Hopkins and retired Chief Petty Officer Richard Belisle.

Lann testified that Hopkins had been shot twice, and that Belisle was shot three times.

Out of respect for family and friends of the victims, KMXT will not publish the graphic details from Lann's testimony, though they can be found elsewhere online.