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**Circuit judge orders psychiatric exam of husband accused in fatal shooting; Suspect's attorney asks for test of competence to stand trial for murder**

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A Howard County circuit judge has ordered authorities to conduct a psychiatric examination of the Columbia man accused of killing his wife and injuring his stepdaughter outside the courthouse in Ellicott City in March.

Under the order, which was signed Tuesday and filed yesterday by Judge Diane O. Leasure, state psychologists will examine Tuse S. Liu, 49, to see if he is competent to stand trial and if he is criminally responsible for his actions.

Liu is accused of fatally shooting his wife, So Shan Chan, 52, and wounding his stepdaughter, Wing Sau Wu, 26, on March 11 in the courthouse parking lot after a divorce hearing.

Leasure ordered the evaluation in response to a June 18 request by Liu's defense attorney, Louis P. Willemin.

In his motion, Willemin said that Liu "lacked the substantial capacity to appreciate the criminality of his conduct."

Liu has been evaluated once and is being held at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center in Jessup.

The results of the first evaluation are sealed.

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