

Killer uncle warning was ignored

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Support workers were warned that a "psychotic" father could kill a member of the wider family hours before he bludgeoned his 11-year-old niece to death with a chair leg, a court was told.

Delroy Forrester, 51, launched the "frenzied and sustained" attack on Jasmine Forrester because he believed that she was the "devil" and "had to die", Wolverhampton crown court was told.

Police officers found him straddling Jasmine at the property in Wolverhampton after her grandmother Victoria, 79, had raised the alarm.

Earlier Mr Forrester had knocked on the door and told his mother that he did not like Jasmine, before slapping and attacking them, injuring Ms Forrester.

Jasmine asked, "What's the matter with Uncle Delroy?" and told him when he pushed Ms Forrester: "You'd better kill me first and leave her."

As Ms Forrester ran to ask for a neighbour's help, she heard Jasmine scream. The girl died from 100 injuries including "catastrophic" head and neck lacerations, cutting wounds, abrasions and bruises.

Earlier in the day Mr Forrester's daughter Tyler had called a hospital's mental health team for help but her request was rejected because Mr Forrester was "not deemed a risk".

Tyler Forrester told support workers: "You'd better make sure he doesn't kill my nan tonight."

Mr Forrester does not dispute killing Jasmine but denies murder, claiming that he was "legally insane" at the time.

The trial continues.

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