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Holmes Hearing Thursday To Focus On Package

Holmes Allegedly Mailed The Package To Dr. Lynn Fenton Before The Massacre

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AURORA, Colo. -- Aurora theater shooting suspect James Holmes is due to return to court Thursday, where the focus will once again turn to the package he allegedly sent to his doctor.

James Holmes is accused in the July 20 shooting that killed 12 and injured 58 others.

This will be the third consecutive Thursday afternoon hearing focused on that package. 7NEWS expects the arguments will center on the role of the psychiatrist Holmes sought out before the shooting.

Holmes mailed a package, believed to contain a notebook, to psychiatrist Dr. Lynn Fenton on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora sometime before the massacre.

Prosecutors want to review the notebook as a potential source for the motive in the mass shooting, but the defense argues it is protected as doctor-patient material.

Legal analyst Jay Tiftickjian tells 7NEWS he believes Chief Judge William Sylvester will decide to review the package privately before ruling if attorneys will have access. Tiftickjian also says that if the defense decides to plead incompetency or insanity, the material in the package will likely become available to the prosecution.

7NEWS Reporter Amanda Kost will be in the court room Thursday afternoon for the hearing, along with a sketch artist. We will bring you her reports here on TheDenverChannel.com and during 7NEWS at 3 and 5 p.m.

7NEWS learned Wednesday that prosecutors won access to education records Homes accumulated while a student at the CU Anschutz Campus.

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A photo James Holmes submitted with his application to graduate school at the University of Illinois. The full photo shows Holmes offering hay to a llama.

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