

Doctor guilty in Michael Jackson's death

Michael Jackson's personal physician, Dr Conrad Murray, has been found guilty of the involuntary manslaughter of the star. Jackson died from an overdose of the powerful anaesthetic propofol

■ THE ACCUSED

Conrad Murray: Houston cardiologist, 58, hired by Jackson in May 2009 to be his personal physician. **Michael Jackson, 50, dies at his Los Angeles home on June 25, 2009**

■ THE CHARGE

That Murray *did unlawfully, and without malice, kill Michael Joseph Jackson* by acting *without due caution and circumspection*

■ THE EVIDENCE

Drugs found in Jackson's body: **Propofol** – used to sedate patients before surgery; **Lorazepam**,

Diazepam – drugs used to treat anxiety and insomnia; **Midazolam** – sedative similar to propofol; **Lidocaine** – local anaesthetic; **Ephedrine** – stimulant

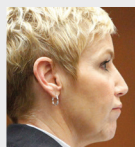
■ KEY PROSECUTION POINTS

- ▶ Involuntary manslaughter charge based on "gross negligence" and violation of "standard of care"
- ▶ Murray admitted to police that he gave Jackson 25mg dose of propofol
- ▶ Doctors testify propofol should not be taken at home as it can stop patient breathing, and criticise Murray for using it on Jackson almost daily
- ▶ Doctors also claim Murray responded too slowly after discovering Jackson had stopped breathing – waiting 20 minutes before calling paramedics

■ THE PROSECUTION



David Walgren: Lead prosecutor and deputy D.A. in Major Crimes division. Recently tried to extradite Roman Polanski to L.A.



Deborah Brazil: Deputy D.A. in major crimes division. Previously worked in Family Violence and Hardcore Gang units

■ PROPOFOL EXPERT TESTIMONY



Dr Stephen Shafer: Theorises Murray set up IV infusion of propofol which resulted in Jackson receiving up to 40 times 25mg dose

■ THE DEFENCE



Ed Chernoff: Working on his first high-profile case. Has been Murray's primary attorney since Jackson's death



J. Michael Flanagan: Has previously won acquittal for nurse accused of killing a patient by improperly administering propofol

■ PROPOFOL EXPERT TESTIMONY



Dr Paul White: Testifies likely Jackson injected himself with extra 25mg dose of propofol when Murray was absent

■ KEY DEFENCE POINTS

- ▶ Dr. White testifies blood analysis results suggest Jackson may have swallowed eight lorazepam tablets
- ▶ Defence asserts effects of Jackson injecting himself with propofol would be amplified by sedatives he'd already taken
- ▶ Addiction specialist testifies Jackson appeared to be hooked on painkiller demerol, the withdrawal of which causes insomnia

■ VERDICT

- ▶ **Guilty. Murray could now receive maximum prison term of four years and lose his medical licence**

