

BOYNTON BEACH HUSBAND SEEKS DIVORCE IN MURDER-FOR-HIRE CASE

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A Boynton Beach man whose wife is accused of trying to have him killed wants a divorce, but her lawyer argued today that the civil case should take place after the criminal one.

But if the divorce proceedings are postponed, Michael Dippolito, the husband and alleged victim, could remain married to Dalia Dippolito for years as her solicitation to commit first-degree murder case plays out in court, said Jason Brodie, one of Michael Dippolito's lawyers.

And both names would remain on the deed of their \$242,850 townhouse on the 1300 block of Via De Pepi in Boynton Beach.

Andrew Pastor, Dalia Dippolito's lawyer, said he has no problems with them getting a divorce, but that all assets should be divided after the criminal case.

Brodie and attorney Joshua Friedman said that will keep Michael Dippolito attached indefinitely to his alleged attempted killer and wife of six months.

"He wants to end this," Brodie said. "He wants to move forward with his life."

The alleged murder-for-hire plot unraveled Aug. 5, when police arrested Dalia Dippolito, 26.

She has since been on house arrest at her mother's Boynton Beach home, and her husband has been living in their townhouse.

Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Chuck Burton told the attorneys to write out their arguments for his consideration. No further court dates have been set.

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