

'Tamiami Strangler' asks Florida Supreme Court to overturn death sentence

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TALLAHASSEE - A lawyer for the Tamiami Strangler wants the Supreme Court to revisit an old argument and overturn the death sentence for the man who killed six Miami prostitutes and dumped their bodies on lawns 15 years ago.

The lawyer for Rory Conde argued today that a priest should have been allowed to testify at Conde's sentencing hearing that Conde told him he had been molested by an uncle.

Similar testimony was presented by another witness during the sentencing.

The court rejected the same argument six years ago, but lawyer Gustavo Garcia-Montes said the justices didn't have enough background before making their ruling.

Justice Barbara Pariente told Garcia-Montes that it's hard to imagine that the testimony would have changed things.