# Mark Gordon to represent himself as legal team withdraws in Constance Marten retrial



In a significant development in the retrial of Constance Marten and Mark Gordon, the court has been informed that Gordon will represent himself after his legal team has withdrawn from the case. This decision, announced by Judge Mark Lucraft KC, marks a pivotal shift in the proceedings.

Marten, aged 37, and Gordon, aged 50, face charges of manslaughter by gross negligence concerning the death of their newborn baby, Victoria. The infant's remains were discovered in a decomposed state within a shopping bag in a shed at a Brighton allotment in March 2023. The circumstances surrounding the case have drawn considerable media attention, particularly following the outcome of their first trial last year. In that proceeding, both were found guilty of concealing the birth of a child and of perverting the course of justice due to their failure to report the child's death.

The retrial comes amid a complex backdrop, as the jury now faces the challenge of examining the evidence without the legal representation that would typically guide a defendant through the judicial process. Mark Gordon's decision to take on his own defence raises questions about the implications for both the trial proceedings and the eventual outcome.

As the case continues to unfold, it highlights broader issues related to the treatment of vulnerable individuals and the responsibilities surrounding parenthood. Insights into the couple's circumstances and the events leading to this retrial will be examined as part of the judiciary's efforts to ascertain the facts surrounding this tragic event.

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