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Court Report

Black Metal star Varg Vikernes (aka Count Grishnackh) stands accused of the murder of rival Dystein Aarseth – but incredibly, he was planning a worse crime at the time of his arrest! Vikernes and his fellow Satanic Terrorists were plotting to blow up a church during a packed Sunday mass! **TØRE DIEN files this shocking and exclusive court report!**

MASS SLAUGHTER!

VARG VIKERNES is charged with the murder of **Oystein Aarseth**, the Norwegian Black Metal godfather who was found brutally stabbed to death in August of last year.

Vikernes has confessed to the killing, and his alleged accomplice, a young male known only as **Snorre**, has given an eyewitness account.

Vikernes now faces additional charges of arson following the torching of several churches in the region of

DAY 3

17-YEAR-old **Isa** was a girlfriend of Vikernes and then Aarseth. In court, she wore all black with a heavy bullet belt, and spoke in a clear voice:

"On August 8, I got a call from Aarseth. He was furious about a letter Vikernes had written. He had had enough of Vikernes' shit-throwing and wanted to get rid of him.

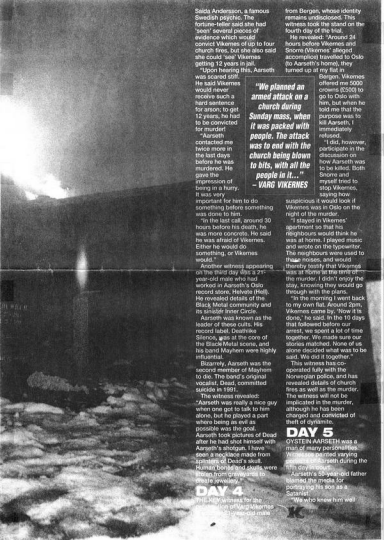
"Aarseth asked me for advice: should I kill him? Vikernes offered me enough evidence to get Vikernes convicted for seven church fires. He had closely monitored Vikernes' movements since his arrest in 1992.

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the town of **Bergen**. He is also charged with the murder of **Isa** at the station of **Drammen** and another church. Vikernes and Snorre lit the duck on the first and second days of the trial. The third day introduced several new witnesses.



...and the trial continued.



Selda Andersson, a famous Swedish psychic. The fortune-teller said she had "seen" several pieces of evidence which would convict Vikernes of up to four church fires, but she also said she could "see" Vikernes getting 12 years in jail.

"Upon hearing this, Aarseth was scared stiff. He said Vikernes would never receive such a hard sentence for arson; to get 12 years, he had to be convicted for murder!

"Aarseth contacted me twice more in the last days before he was murdered. He gave the impression of being in a hurry. It was very

important for him to do something before something was done to him.

"In the last call, around 30 hours before his death, he was more concrete. He said he was afraid of Vikernes. Either he would do something, or Vikernes would."

Another witness appearing on the third day was a 21-year-old male who had worked in Aarseth's Oslo record store, Helvete (Hell). He revealed details of the Black Metal community and its sinister Inner Circle.

Aarseth was known as the leader of these cults. His record label, Deathlike Silence, was at the core of the Black Metal scene, and his band Mayhem were highly influential.

Bizarrely, Aarseth was the second member of Mayhem to die. The band's original vocalist, Dead, committed suicide in 1991.

The witness revealed: "Aarseth was really a nice guy when one got to talk to him alone, but he played a part where being as evil as possible was the goal. Aarseth took pictures of Dead after he had shot himself with Aarseth's shotgun. I have seen a necklace made from splinters of Dead's skull. Human bones and skulls were stolen from graveyards to create jewellery."

DAY 4

THE TV witness for the prosecution of Varg Vikernes is a 20-year-old male

from Bergen, whose identity remains undisclosed. This witness took the stand on the fourth day of the trial.

He revealed: "Around 34 hours before Vikernes and Snorre (Vikernes' alleged accomplice) travelled to Oslo (to Aarseth's home), they turned up at my flat in

Bergen. Vikernes offered me 5000 crowns (\$500) to go to Oslo with him, but when he told me that the purpose was to kill Aarseth, I immediately refused.

"I did, however, participate in the discussion on how Aarseth was to be killed. Both Snorre and myself tried to stop Vikernes, saying how

suspicious it would look if Vikernes was in Oslo on the night of the murder.

"I stayed in Vikernes' apartment so that his neighbours would think he was at home. I played music and wrote on the typewriter. The neighbours were used to these noises, and would thereby testify that Vikernes was at home at the time of the murder. I didn't enjoy the stay, knowing they would go through with the plans.

"In the morning I went back to my own flat. Around 2pm, Vikernes came by. 'Now it is done,' he said. In the 10 days that followed before our arrest, we spent a lot of time together. We made sure our stories matched. None of us alone decided what was to be said. We did it together."

This witness has co-operated fully with the Norwegian police, and has revealed details of church fires as well as the murder. The witness will not be implicated in the murder, although he has been charged and convicted of theft of dynamite.

DAY 5

OYSTEIN AARSETH was a man of many personalities. Witnesses named varying numbers of Aarseth during the fifth day of court.

"Aarseth's 55-year-old father blamed the media for portraying his son as a Satanist.

"We who knew him well

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know that Oystein had no religious beliefs."

Varg Vikernes, smirked as Aarseth's father continued: "We had a lot of contact with Oystein, and continually discussed his business with him. When the church fires were linked with his shop, it became too much for us."

"We had several family meetings, and put pressure on Oystein to make him see what the consequences were for his family that he was seen as a leader in this environment. Reluctantly, he closed the shop last April."

The remainder of day five saw various friends and associates answering questions about Aarseth. A different Aarseth emerged.

The deceased was described as a completely evil man, both in thought and action. He devised methods of killing people in fine detail. He also conceived methods of torture and held lengthy lectures on how the torture would affect the victims.

Aarseth craved power and respect and wanted to be obeyed as a king within the

Black Metal community. However, other members of the Inner Circle felt he was not extreme enough, a man of little action. Vikernes was of course among the latter group.

DAY 6

VIKERNES TOOK the witness stand again on the sixth day. He was questioned about the church fires and the theft of dynamite. Vikernes entered the dock with his hair tied into pigtails and made these astonishing revelations:

"Co-operating with Nazi groups, we planned an armed attack on a church during Sunday mass, when it was packed with people. We (members of the Inner Circle) were to be dressed as soldiers. The attack was to end with the church being blown to bits, with all the people in it.

"We had already gotten the dynamite from a gravel pit in Bergen. At first, I kept the explosives in my bedroom. After a while, I decided to move it to the basement." Vikernes denied

suggestions that a specific church had been targeted for the attack, although police believe Nidarosdomen church in Trondheim was top of the terrorists' list.

Vikernes added defiantly: "I knew about the church fires before they happened, but I will not say who participated in them. I had no active part in the torching."

Vikernes then revealed that Inner Circle members had planned to burn a number of churches on the sixth day of a certain week, which was also the sixth week of the sixth month in 1992. The three sixes were of course symbolic of the Beast in the Book Of Revelations.

The burning of many churches on this one night was meant to signify God's downfall, although in the event, only one church was destroyed: Fantoft in Bergen, Vikernes' hometown.

"It was marvellous when churches burned," Vikernes gloated. "I applaud people who have the guts to burn churches."

The prosecutor then asked Vikernes if he had burned any churches. The reply was surprising:

"No. I don't have the guts." Vikernes then launched into a startling warmongering rant: "Norway was christened by the sword. Now we shall take the country back with flames and machine guns.

Through church burning and Black Metal music, we will reawaken the Norwegians' feelings of belonging to Odin (the ancient Norse god).

"I want to create a large following, burn all churches, throw all Christians out and take back what was ours. My church-burning army is to consist of young people. They are more open-minded because they haven't been brainwashed yet."

Vikernes was then questioned by his defence counsel, who first voiced concern over the apparent arrogance of his client.

Vikernes replied: "I am not more arrogant here than I am elsewhere."

He added: "Satan means opposition in Hebrew. It also means opposition towards Christianity. Therefore, we are sons of Satan."

Vikernes then left the dock as the sixth day of the trial was concluded.

NEXT WEEK: More incredible revelations from the trial of Varg Vikernes! Witnesses speak of their fear following death threats from Vikernes' allies! And a former girlfriend of Vikernes claims: He sacked the blood from my veins like a vampire!

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