

= Schenecker double homicide =

The Schenecker double homicide occurred on January 27 , 2011 ; Calyx and Beau Schenecker were found dead by police at their home in Tampa , Florida . Their mother , Julie Powers Schenecker , was arrested on suspicion of their murder after an alleged confession .

On January 29 , Schenecker was admitted to Tampa General Hospital , but was released the next day . She was charged with two counts of first degree murder and indicted by grand jury on February 9 . Seven days later she entered a plea of not guilty , with her legal team indicating they would pursue a defense on the grounds of insanity . Parker Schenecker divorced his wife in May 2011 and subsequently filed a civil lawsuit for wrongful deaths , following dispute over distribution of the family 's assets .

Julie Schenecker 's criminal trial began on April 28 , 2014 . She was found guilty of first @-@ degree murder and was sentenced to two concurrent life terms in prison on May 15 , 2014 .

= = Schenecker family = =

Julie Powers Schenecker ( born January 13 , 1961 in Muscatine , Iowa ) lived in Tampa , Florida with her husband , U.S. Army Colonel Parker Schenecker , and their two children . The couple met in Germany during the 1980s , where Julie Powers was working as a Russian linguist .

At the time of Calyx and Beau 's deaths , Parker Schenecker was overseas . Their daughter , Calyx , was 16 and son , Beau , was 13 at the time of their deaths . According to the New York Daily News , the children were described as " cheerful and seemingly happy . "

= = = Previous investigation = = =

Police visited the Schenecker home November 6 , 2010 , to investigate an allegation of child abuse made by Calyx . No charges were filed against Schenecker but , according to the police report , Schenecker acknowledged that she had hit her daughter . Calyx told a counselor in her once @-@ a @-@ week therapy appointment that her mother had hit her in the face when they were heading home from cross @-@ country practice November 2 , 2010 , according to the police report . Investigators that visited the home said there were no visible injuries on Calyx when the report was filed four days later . Calyx had told investigators that Schenecker had " hit her with an open hand on her face for approximately 30 seconds " , according to the report .

= = Murder = =

On January 28 , 2011 , police visited the property after receiving a call from Schenecker 's mother , who expressed concern at not being able to reach her daughter . Officers found Beau Schenecker in a sport utility vehicle in the garage and Calyx Schenecker in her bedroom ; both had been shot with a .38 revolver and covered with blankets . Julie Schenecker was found unconscious on the rear porch covered in blood .

Police stated that Schenecker admitted to killing her children because they " talked back and were mouthy " . A police statement said , " She described the crimes in detail . " A note was allegedly found in the house describing a plan to murder her children and commit suicide . According to the arrest affidavit , Beau was shot twice in the head on January 27 while being driven by his mother from soccer practice . Schenecker then drove home and killed Calyx in her room as she was doing her homework on her computer . The revolver had been purchased five days before the killings . Calyx was found on her bed covered by a blanket .

= = = Criminal trial = = =

Police arrested Julie Schenecker at the scene , later that day she was admitted to hospital for a " pre @-@ existing medical condition " . She was released the next day and taken to Hillsborough

County Jail , where she was held without bail . On February 9 , 2011 , Schenecker was indicted by a grand jury for first degree murder . Her arraignment was set for February 16 , where she entered a plea of not guilty , with her defense team indicating they would pursue an insanity defense . Prosecutors initially said they would seek the death penalty for Schenecker . , but later declined to do so . In August 2012 , lawyers on both sides said they needed a year to review computer files found on the computer in the Schenecker home before trial . In December 2012 , at a hearing a trial date was set for October 7 , 2013 for Julie Schenecker . In August 2013 , Hillsborough Circuit Judge Emmett Lamar Battles granted a defense motion requesting more time to review evidence and depose expert witnesses . The trial was delayed until April 28 , 2014 .

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= = = Civil lawsuit = = =

The Scheneckers divorced in May 2011 . Following dispute over the distribution of their assets , particularly to limit the money available for use in Julie Schenecker 's legal defense , Parker Schenecker filed a wrongful death lawsuit against his wife .