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## EXTRA: Smith incompetent; Parkersburg hospitals; Johns Hopkins shooting

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### SMITH FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL:

A Cutler man charged with the June 19 stabbing murder of his father-in-law has been found incompetent to stand trial after a state mental evaluation was filed Thursday.

Upon reviewing the evaluation, Washington County Common Pleas Judge Ed Lane ordered that Gerald Smith, 49, of 390 Kennedy Road, be confined to a state mental hospital in Athens for treatment.

According to the evaluation, Smith should be able to be treated and able to stand trial for the death of Homer Rogers, 66, of Cutler, within 12 months.

### PARKERSBURG HOSPITALS JOIN STATEWIDE SYSTEM:

Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital announced today their intention to join the statewide West Virginia United Health System.

Tom Jones, CEO of United health Systems, said the health system envisions purchasing St. Joseph's as Camden-Clark simultaneously affiliates itself with the health system.

"The joining of these fine institutions into our statewide system with the specific mission of delivering high quality health care throughout West Virginia will bring tremendous opportunities to residents of the Mid-Ohio Valley," Jones said.

Papers are being filed with the Federal Trade Commission this week for the proposed affiliation. A letter of intent for a certificate of need with the West Virginia Health Care Authority will be filed within days, he said.

A press conference was held today with Mike King, CEO at Camden-Clark, Jack Julius, CEO at St. Joseph's and Steve Peterson, chief financial officer at Signature Hospital Corp., the owners of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Jones said the regional hospitals have been hit hard by reimbursement cuts and competition from doctors' offices and clinics. He said when the West Virginia legislature created the health system, it specifically called for a creation of a coordinated integrated, efficient and efficient health sciences and delivery system in West Virginia.

King said incorporating both hospitals in the statewide system anchored by WVU's teaching hospital "will improve the efficiency of our operations."

### MAN SHOOTS DOCTOR, THEN KILLS MOTHER, SELF AT JOHNS HOPKINS:

BALTIMORE (AP) - A man who became distraught as he was being briefed on his mother's condition at Johns Hopkins Hospital pulled a gun and shot the doctor Thursday, then killed his mother and himself in her room at the world-famous medical center, police said.

Baltimore police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III said the doctor had been talking to 50-year-old Warren Davis just after 11 a.m. when he "became emotionally distraught and reacted ... and was overwhelmed by the news of his mother's condition."

Bealefeld said he did not know what the woman was being treated for at the world-class facility, known for its cancer research and treatment.

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Davis then pulled a semiautomatic handgun from his waistband shot the doctor once in the abdomen, the commissioner said. The doctor collapsed outside room 873 of the Nelson building, where Davis' mother, Jean Davis, was being treated. Warren Davis then holed up inside his mother's room for more than two hours during a standoff with authorities.

When officers made their way to the eighth-floor room, they found Warren Davis dead on the floor and his mother dead in her hospital bed.

Two Hopkins employees said the physician who was wounded is Dr. David B. Cohen, an assistant professor and orthopedic surgeon. The employees asked to remain anonymous because they are not authorized to discuss the matter. Police said the doctor underwent surgery and was expected to survive.

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