

Chat time

Parents urged to discuss internet use

PAGE 3



Sauce

Beards shave careers short

PAGES 13-14



Sport

Surfers take to the water to compete

BACK PAGE



Murder trial told of abuse

■ Jon Solmundson

On the second day of police interviews, Dr Chamari Liyanage spoke through sobs of her allegedly murdered husband's threats to "completely destroy" her and perform "sexual torture" as she divulged details of their relationship.

Dr Liyanage's murder trial in the Supreme Court at Geraldton continued yesterday, with the jury being handed a second set of transcripts from investigating officer Matthew Garnett's "10 to 12 hours" of interview footage.

The interviews from June 24 and

25 show Dr Liyanage recounting the hours leading up to her allegedly murdering husband Dinendra Athukorala and describing the history of their relationship in detail.

Her account of the time leading up to Dr Athukorala's death revealed little, with Dr Liyanage describing a blank period between going to sleep and waking up, standing and staring at the bloodied face of Dr Athukorala, who had been killed with a mallet.

When asked by officer Garnett if she was able to do this, Dr Liyanage replied: "I don't think so."

"He's the only person and he's

the only one for me, so I don't think I'd do something like that."

Dr Liyanage also spoke of Dr Athukorala's "illegal" computer use, using virtual private networks to hide their IP address, constantly erasing his computer hard drives and moving the files to external cards and drives, which allegedly stored pictures of sex acts with past partners and child pornography.

"Sometimes he made me see," Dr Liyanage said.

On the recording, Dr Liyanage explained how they met in a Sri Lankan hospital in 2009.

Their relationship quickly became strained as Dr Athukorala continued to see other women.

About September, 2009, Dr Athukorala allegedly coerced her into sharing other sexual partners.

"That was the worst night of my life," Dr Liyanage said.

Dr Liyanage went on to describe him asking her to change career from anaesthesia to pathology so she could work with him, their marriage after a two-week engagement, a honeymoon where Dr Athukorala continued to seek relationships with other women and a move to Australia in which

Dr Liyanage "had no choice".

As their relationship in Australia developed, Dr Liyanage described Dr Athukorala as becoming increasingly paranoid, buying pre-paid credit cards from the post office with cash, while wearing a hoodie so he could not be seen by cameras.

"We had good days and bad days, on the bad days he used to torture me," she said.

Dr Liyanage described being kicked, punched and beaten with a wooden rolling pin and sex toys.

▶ CONTINUED PAGE 4

Protesters reject asylum seeker plan

Concerned community members gathered outside the Geraldton Courthouse on Monday to join a nationwide protest against the Government's plan to send asylum seekers back to Nauru. A High Court ruling recently found that offshore processing for refugees was legal, sparking protests across the country.

REPORT PAGE 5

Picture: David Salvaire



MidWest Auto Group HYUNDAI

CLEARANCE SALE

ALL 2015 STOCK WILL GO!

DEMONS ALSO IN STOCK

ALL-NEW TUCSON ACTIVE X

FEATURES

- Leather trim
- Alloy wheels
- Apple i-Play

FROM \$32,990

CALL 9932 6426 5 PHELPS STREET (CNR URCH STREET), GERALDTON • WWW.MIDWESTHYUNDAI.COM.AU