

# Saw 'UFOs' before he shot mum's lover

**MELBOURNE:** A man who thought stars were flying saucers days before shooting his mother's lover in the head was yesterday found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity.

After 3½ hours a Victorian Supreme Court jury decided Paul Steven Goederee, 29, was insane when he shot 61-year-old John Nicholson with an antique revolver as Mr Nicholson played the piano in the garden shed.

After shooting Mr Nicholson on November 18 last year with an 1878 model Colt .45 revolver, Goederee had padlocked the garden shed so his mother would not find the body, the court was told.

He had then turned himself into the local police. Goederee had pleaded not guilty to murder.

Earlier, the court heard that

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Goederee, of Kumbada Avenue, Upwey in outer east Melbourne, had persuaded himself "without any foundation" that Mr Nicholson was a paedophile and flasher.

Prosecutor Tom Gyorffy told the court that Goederee's mother had noticed drawings of flying saucers in his diary.

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**He said she had told police shortly before the killing her son had called her and Mr Nicholson outside to look at flying saucers to see "how they moved around".**

**"John told him stars always did that but Paul was convinced they were flying saucers," Mr Gyorffy said Wilhelmina Goederee had said.**

**Justice Bernard Teague ordered Goederee to remain in a psychiatric hospital indefinitely — at the Governor's pleasure.**

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