

Man charged witnessed last year's fatal accident in La Grange

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The Willow Springs man charged with the murders of his ex-girlfriend's parents and brother in Darien also claimed he saved Cari Cook's baby following the May traffic accident that killed her in La Grange.

Johnny Borizov, 28, faces three counts of first-degree murder, four counts of so-

licitation of murder and one count of conspiracy to commit murder in the shooting deaths March 2 of Jeffrey Kramer, 50, his wife, Lori, 48, and their 20-year-old son, Michael, in their Darien home.

In May, Borizov hired La Grange attorney Grant Dixon to represent him during the investigation into the accident that claimed Cook's life as she walked

with her two children across 47th Street at 8th Avenue.

Through Dixon, Borizov claimed that after an SUV struck Cook and side-swiped his van, he was able to get out and scoop up Cook's 4-month-old son, who had been thrown from a baby carrier into oncoming traffic.

Dixon said his client suffered mental and physical

problems after having witnessed the crash.

"The difficulty of having to live with the memory of someone killed right before his eyes was a very traumatic, tragic experience," Dixon had said at the time.

It was unclear why Borizov hired an attorney or came forward with his account while the matter was under investigation. Borizov wasn't charged in the

accident.

La Grange Police Chief Michael Holub said police never substantiated Borizov's story of rescuing the infant, and he did not mention saving the baby during his initial statement as a witness.

Dixon couldn't be reached for comment. He is not representing Borizov on the murder case.

Borizov, who was not

present at the time of the shootings in Darien, allegedly convinced his friend, Jacob Nodarse, 23, of Countryside, to break into the Kramer's home and gun down Borizov's ex-girlfriend and her family.

Angela Kramer, 25, who escaped execution by hiding in a closet, was involved in a custody dispute with Borizov over their 13-month-old son.