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Dr Conrad Murray has announced he will not testify in his involuntary manslaughter trial.

Michael Jackson's physician looked at each of his lawyers for several seconds before telling the judge: 'My decision is that I will not testify in this matter.'

The announcement came as both the prosecution and defence rested their cases in the trial in which Murray is charged for the singer's death in June 2009.

On Monday Murray told the judge that he had not decided whether or not he would testify.

His decision means that the only time the jury will have heard from him was in a two-hour tape of a police interview he gave two days after Jackson's death.

Closing arguments in the six-week case will begin on Thursday.

Prosecutors say Murray caused Jackson's death by giving him a lethal dose of the powerful anaesthetic Propofol, which should only be used in a hospital setting.

But he denies involuntary manslaughter, or gross negligence, in the case.

Murray, who could face up to four years in prison if convicted, has admitted giving Jackson a small dose of propofol as a sleep aid.

He insisted the 50-year-old performer was begging him to help him rest after trying in vain to get to sleep for more than eight hours the night before he died.

Murray claimed he was out of Jackson's bedroom at his Los Angeles mansion for just two minutes to go to the toilet when he returned to find his patient had stopped breathing.

His attorneys have sought to convince the jury that the singer somehow gave himself an extra dose of the drug, without Murray's knowledge, and thus caused his own death.

Jurors have heard from 49 witnesses during the trial, including more than half a dozen doctors.

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Doctors have told them how the pop star was addicted to painkillers and Red Bull energy drink, and how he had Botox injections in the groin.

His various ailments have also emerged, including how his toenail fungus was so bad doctors thought his flesh was rotting.

The trial revealed the King of Pop’s three children ‘cried and cried and cried’ after being told their father was dead.

His daughter, Paris, now 13, told Murray, her father's personal doctor: 'I will wake up in the morning and I won't be able to see my daddy.’

On Tuesday, the jury heard from the final expert witnesses, including a doctor called by the defence.

Dr Paul White said when using propofol, it is not always necessary to have every piece of monitoring equipment to hand. He cited plastic surgery centres as an example.

But rival propofol expert, Dr. Steven Shafer, took a different view. He said: ‘If there was such a thing as bedroom-based anesthesia, the standard guidelines would be considered a minimum.

‘Because there's no back-up, there's no tolerance for error. If you have an error, you'll have a mortality.’