



Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy has returned with his wife's blessing to training camp in St. Joseph, Mo. (AP PHOTO/CHAR-LIE RIEDEL)

Bieniemy's wife on the road to great recovery

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy joked Tuesday that he had the blessing of his wife, Mia, to return to the team after she was shot at their Virginia home because, well, “I know I was driving her and a bunch of my family members crazy in the house.”

Mia was shot the evening of July 26, and the couple's 27-year-old son, Elijah, was arrested. Eric left the Chiefs right away to help his family through the crisis, and he returned to camp last week ahead of a preseason loss to the Rams.

“First and foremost, yes, she's on a great road to recovery. Yes, she's doing great,” Bieniemy said of his wife, speaking to reporters for the first time since she was rushed to the hospital with multiple wounds. “It is one of the main reasons that I am back here, because of her recovery. She's truly a soldier. She's a saint. And it's been incredible to watch.”

Bieniemy was never far from camp, even while he was back home in Ashburn, Virginia. He was able to watch streams of practice from Missouri Western State University, and he was often conferred into team meetings before and after the workouts.

At one point, he called Chiefs general manager Brett Veach — who he knew was seated beside coach Andy Reid — and told him to give Big Red the phone. Bieniemy proceeded to remind Reid to get on one of his players for a seemingly minor coaching point.

“I was yelling at the screen, yelling at players, yelling at coaches — ‘What the hell are we doing?!’ I'm yelling at myself, ‘Why would you put that play in?!” Bieniemy said, smiling. “At the end of the day, I was making sure I was keeping up with what was going on.”

At the same time, he was driving Mia and the rest of the family crazy.

“So she was like, ‘You have my blessing to leave,’” Eric said,

“so it was time to get back.”

Elijah Bieniemy has been charged with malicious wounding, the use of a firearm in commission of a felony and discharge of a firearm inside a dwelling. His court appearances remain delayed pending a mental health evaluation.

“I'd like to say thank you to the Hunt family, the entire Chiefs family for the outpouring, the love and support that my family has received through this particular situation,” Eric Bieniemy said. “And with all that said, we're back to football.”

While brash and demanding, Bieniemy is universally beloved within the Kansas City locker room. He was part of coaching staffs that helped the Chiefs reach three Super Bowls and win two, and he helped to set the foundation for the dynasty to come.

When he left a few years ago to serve as the Commanders' offensive coordinator, it was in the hopes that calling his own plays could someday lead to an NFL head coaching job. But Washington struggled in his lone season there and the coaching staff was let go, and Bieniemy ended up spending a season at UCLA and last season coaching the running backs for the Chicago Bears.

He returned to Kansas City to replace Matt Nagy, who left to become the offensive coordinator of the Giants.

“Obviously it's great to have him back. We missed him and prayed for his family when he was out,” Chiefs linebacker Nick Bolton said. “But to have a guy like that come back to the field, man, a competitor — it brings out the best in us.”

NOTES: LT Josh Simmons did not practice Tuesday because of back pain. He worked out alongside RG Trey Smith, who has been out with a hip injury. ... DE Ashton Gillotte (foot) and WR Tyquan Thornton (hamstring) left practice early. Gillotte already has missed time with a hamstring injury. ... LB Drue Tranquill (back) and CB L'Jarius Snead (knee) were back in pads for the workout.

LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING IN PITTSBURG

In the Matter of the Decedent Estate of Joe Standlee, Deceased
Case No. CRP-2026-PR-000069
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Danny Lynn Fields, an interested party in the Estate of Joe Standlee, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Crawford County, Kansas:

Tract I: Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four(4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight(8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) in Block Number Four (4), in the Original Town Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract II: Lots Numbered Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty One (21), Twenty Two (22), Twenty Three (23), Twenty Four (24), Twenty Five (25), Twenty Six (26), Twenty Seven (27), Twenty Eight (28), Twenty Nine (29), and Thirty (30) in Block Number Four (4), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract III: Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5) in Block Number Three (3), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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Tract V: Lots Numbered Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty One (21), Twenty Two (22), and Twenty Three (23) in Block Number Three (3), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract VI: Lots Numbered Twenty Four (24), Twenty Five (25), Twenty Six (26), Twenty Seven (27), Twenty Eight (28), Twenty Nine (29), and Thirty (30) in Block Number Three (3), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract VII: Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and the North Half (N/2) of Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Nine (9), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract VIII: The South Half(S/2) of Lot Number Twelve (12) and ALL of Lot Number Thirteen (13) in Block Number Nine (9), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract IX: Lots Numbered Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) in Block Number Nine (9), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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Tract XIII: Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) AND Part of the South Half (S/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) all in Section Eleven (11), Township Thirty (30) South, Range Twenty Five (25) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the United States Government Survey thereof bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11); Thence North along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11) to the Center line of the St Louis-San Francisco Rail Road Right of Way; Thence Northeasterly along said Right of Way to a point One Thousand (1000) feet West of the East line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11); Thence South to a point on the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11) One Thousand (1000) feet West of the Southeast corner thereof, Thence West along said South line to the point of beginning.

and all other Kansas real estate and personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Pittsburg in Crawford County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING IN PITTSBURG

In the Matter of the Decedent Estate of Edith V. Standlee, Deceased.
Case No. CRP-2026-PR-000076
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Danny L. Fields, an interested party in the Estate of Edith V. Standlee, deceased, requesting that: the foreign will of Edith V. Standlee, deceased, dated March 7, 2000, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Crawford County, Kansas:

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and all other Kansas real estate and personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death to be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the city of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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