



# Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

## David Leyton, Prosecutor



### MAN TO STAND TRIAL IN SWARTZ CREEK ROAD RAGE FATALITY

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**FLINT --** A Tyrone Twp. man will stand trial for a road rage incident last summer that resulted in the death of another man, said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton after a preliminary examination was concluded today in 67<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Larry Stecco's Courtroom.

Javan Wayne Stephens, 22 of Tyrone Twp., is charged with two felony counts: manslaughter with a motor vehicle, which carries a possible sentence of 15 years in prison and/or \$7,500, and failure to stop at the scene of an accident which resulted in serious impairment or death, which carries a possible sentence of 5 years in prison and/or \$5,000

According to witnesses, Stephens and the victim, Brian Bigelow, 32 of Durand, were both driving on Seymour Rd. in Swartz Creek on June 2, 2006 when they began chasing each other in their vehicles. Both drivers had exited their vehicles at certain points to confront each other and Stephens ended up putting his car in reverse at an intersection near Miller Rd. and ran into Bigelow who was outside his vehicle. Bigelow died from the injuries he sustained from being hit by Stephens' car.

At the end of today's District Court hearing, Stephens was bound over to Circuit Court where he will be arraigned on the charges on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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