



# Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

## David Leyton, Prosecutor



### **Goodrich Man Pleads Guilty in Road Worker's Death**

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**FLINT** -- Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that the man who pleaded guilty this afternoon in the death of a Genesee County road worker "thumbed his nose at the Secretary of State who had revoked his license and his scofflaw attitude resulted in the death of another person."

John R. Quillen, 64, of Goodrich, pleaded guilty to manslaughter with a motor vehicle and driving while his license was suspended second offense. The manslaughter plea was entered as a second time habitual offender which will enhance the maximum penalty to 22 ½ years in prison. The suspended license violation carries a possible imprisonment of 1 year.

Testimony from the February preliminary examination showed Quillen was traveling southbound on M-15 just north of Maple Road on June 22, 2006 well in excess of the posted 55 mph speed limit. At the same time, Dennis W. Bundy, 47 of Flushing, was working as part of a Genesee County Road Commission surveying crew when Quillen hit Bundy without slowing down and the impact threw Bundy into the northbound M-15 lane where he was hit by another vehicle.

The Secretary of State's licensing bureau had revoked Quillen's license in 1997 because of poor vision problems that resulted from a childhood injury. Although his license was revoked, that did not keep him off the road and he has had multiple citations for driving.

"The real tragedy in all of this is that Mr. Quillen never should have been driving. The minute he got behind the wheel, he was breaking the law," said Prosecutor Leyton. "Due to his disrespect for the law and his decision to drive with severe vision problems and a revoked license, he will now be going to prison and will bear a tragic memory that will haunt him the rest of his life."

A sentencing date is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> before Circuit Court Judge Judith Fullerton.

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