



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor

Three Sentenced for Last Year's Brutal Slayings of Elderly Flint Residents

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FLINT -- Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that justice was served today with the sentencing of three men who brutally murdered three elderly Flint residents last year.

Sherman M. Buggs, 24, Jerry O. Walker, 18, and Demitray L. Hodge, 27, were each sentenced to several terms of life imprisonment with no chance for parole for their conviction last month in the January, 2006 murders of Green and Catherine Wedlow, ages 75 and 74 respectively, and Robert VonDrasek, 75. The Wedlows were found shot to death at point-blank range in their City of Flint residence on January 27, 2006. Just two days later, Vondrasek was found brutally stabbed to death in his home only 8 blocks away from the Wedlows' residence. In addition to having a fractured skull, a slashed throat, and 8 knives in his back when police found him, Vondrasek's home and body were also set on fire by his assailants.

Although Buggs and Hodge each seemed to mock the Court and the justice system as a whole during their sentencing, Prosecutor Leyton said "their attitudes and arrogance are sure to change after the reality of their lot in life settles in over the months, years, and decades to come. Their status in life just took on a whole new twist."

"These depraved individuals represent the worst in our society," Prosecutor Leyton continued. "It is only fitting that they will never see another day of freedom beyond the walls of prison. They're all young men who could have taken very different paths in life. Now, they have no future and will pay eternally for their heartless, evil actions," said Prosecutor Leyton.

"Nothing can ever undo the cowardly, horrifying acts they committed, but we can take some solace in the fact that justice has been served through their convictions and their life sentences," concluded Prosecutor Leyton.

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