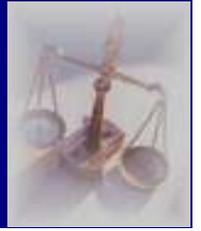




# Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

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### **As One Murder Trial Concludes, Three Others Begin**

**- Trial of "Baker College" shootings wraps up  
while Prosecutor makes case against three others in murder of elderly Flint Twp. man**

**May 20, 2008**

**FLINT --** Closing arguments were heard this afternoon in the murder trial of a Detroit man who is charged with killing two men near Baker College in Flint Twp. That case is now in the hands of the jury.

Earlier in the day, the case against three men for last year's shooting death of an elderly Flint Township man began this morning with the selection of one of the juries and opening arguments. Jury selection and opening arguments for the other two defendants in that case will be held over the next two days with witness testimony expected to begin on Friday morning.

In the case that has been given to jurors for deliberations, Janard D. Hackworth, 19, of Detroit, is charged with murder, armed robbery and weapons charges in the March 12, 2007 slaying of Justin T. Petty, 20, of Flint Township and his cousin, Daniel R. Tyson, 17, of Burt in Saginaw County. Tyson was a student at Baker College at the time of his death.

A co-defendant, Mario O. Gray II, 19, of Detroit, pleaded guilty on March 19, 2008 to two counts of second-degree murder, and one count each of armed robbery and felony firearms use.

Prosecutor Leyton amended two first-degree murder charges to second-degree for Gray in exchange for his plea to the lesser murder charge. As part of the plea agreement, Gray was also required to testify against Hackworth in his trial.

A May 22 sentencing is scheduled for Gray.

In the murder trial that began today, jurors were selected and opening statements were given in the case against Gilbert Lopez, 18, of Flint, for his role in the murder of an elderly Flint Township man at his home on March 4, 2007.

Lopez and several others are charged in the slaying of Jerry R. Quackenbush, 76, a retiree and Korean War veteran who was found shot to death at his Flint Township home on Eberly Road.

Jury selection and opening statements in the case against co-defendant Cordaro Hardy, 19, of Lansing, are slated for tomorrow followed by jury selection and opening statements on Thursday in the case against Randy Percy James, 21, of Flint.

All three juries will hear witness testimony together beginning Friday morning. After witness testimony is complete, the three juries will once again be separated to hear the individual closing statements in each of the cases.

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