



## Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



# One found guilty, another sentenced in murders of Justin Petty and Daniel Tyson

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**FLINT TWP., Michigan** -- A Detroit man was found guilty Thursday morning and another sentenced to decades behind bars in the 2007 shootings of two cousins near Baker College.

Janard D. Hackworth, 19, a former Baker College student, was found guilty of two counts of felony murder, felony firearms and armed robbery by a jury in Circuit Judge Archie Hayman's court.

Later Thursday morning, Hayman sentenced another man in the case, Mario O. Gray II.

Gray, 19, pleaded guilty earlier this year to two counts of second degree murder and one count each of armed robbery and felony firearms. He was sentenced to 31 to 60 years each in the second-degree murder charges; 18 to 36 years for the armed robbery charge and two years for the felony firearm charge.

Officials said Hackworth and Gray, both Baker College students, planned to rob Justin T. Petty, 20, of Flint Township and his cousin Daniel R. Tyson, 17, of Burt in Saginaw Township.

Gray testified that he and Hackworth had met with Tyson, also a Baker College student, on March 12, 2007. He said that Hackworth shot both men in the head.

Their bodies were found in a car at West Scottwood Avenue and Otto Street in Flint Township.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said Flint Township investigators and prosecutors on the case did an amazing job.

"Justice has been served," he said after Hackworth's verdict was read.

Hackworth will be sentenced June 26. He faces up to life in prison.

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