



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



Richfield Twp. Man Found Guilty on All Counts in Motorist's Death

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FLINT -- Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that justice has been served as a jury found a Richfield Twp. man guilty on all counts related to a crash last October that killed an Otter Lake woman.

Dean Everett Davis, 38, was fleeing State Police on E. Dodge Road in Genesee County's Forest Township in the mid-morning hours of October 16, 2007 when he rear-ended a pickup truck operated by Linda Haney, 56, of Otter Lake. The high speed impact caused Haney's vehicle to careen across the centerline into the path of an oncoming vehicle. Haney was killed and her passenger and the driver of the other vehicle were seriously injured.

After hitting Haney's car, Davis' vehicle went into a ditch and he got out and fled the scene. Davis was captured hours later while hiding in a field underneath a portable deer hunting blind.

After an investigation was completed by the Genesee County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team, Prosecutor Leyton charged Davis with five felonies including one count of Manslaughter with a Motor Vehicle, a 15-year felony; one count of Fleeing a Police Officer First Degree, a 15-year felony; two counts of Fleeing a Police Officer Second Degree, 10-year felonies; and one count of Assaulting and Resisting and Obstructing police which is a 2-year felony. A Genesee County Circuit Court jury convicted Davis on all five counts this afternoon.

"I was confident in the case we presented to the jury and very pleased as I listened to the foreperson tell the Court that they had convicted on all counts," said Prosecutor Leyton after the jury came back with their verdict.

"This was a very tragic incident that never needed to happen," said Prosecutor Leyton. "But for Dean Davis' reprehensible and wanton disregard for the law and for the safety of others, it is likely that Linda Haney would still be with us today. Although nothing can bring her back, I am pleased that we were able to see justice done for her and her family through the criminal court system."

A sentencing date has been set for August 18, 2008 in the courtroom of Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Judith Fullerton.

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