



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

David Leyton, Prosecutor



Ivan Page Convicted of 1st Degree Murder for 2001 Homicide

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Flint – In a case that Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said exemplifies the idea that law enforcement never rests in its pursuit of seeking justice, a Genesee County jury rendered a guilty verdict late this afternoon in a cold case murder that dated back to 2001.

Ivan Lee Page, 39, was found guilty by a jury of First Degree Murder in the death of Deena Brown, 34, who was found outside Northridge Academy in the City of Flint on January 20, 2001.

The area's Violent Crimes Task Force had been investigating Brown's murder and that of two other women for the past six years. Prosecutor Leyton indicated the investigation has determined that DNA evidence links Page to each of the murders.

"My office has been working with investigators from the Flint Police Department and the Michigan State Police on these cases for a long time," Prosecutor Leyton had said at a press conference back in August of 2007 when the charges against Page were first announced.

"This just goes to show that we will never rest in our efforts to see that perpetrators of violent crimes are held accountable for their actions no matter how much time has passed," said Prosecutor Leyton.

"Obviously, I am very pleased with the verdict and I want to congratulate and thank all the hard working, dedicated officers and my staff who were involved in the investigation and prosecution of this case," he said.

A sentencing date is scheduled for January 15, 2009 at 8:30a.m.

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