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David Leyton, Prosecutor



Accused killer pleads no contest before start of Flint murder trial

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FLINT, Michigan -- A Davison man accused of killing his wife and critically injuring his mother-in-law pleaded no contest Tuesday in his wife's death.

On the afternoon that jurors were to be selected for his murder trial, David L. Davis pleaded no contest to an amended charge of second-degree murder.

Davis also pleaded no contest to a charge of felony firearms.

Prosecutors dismissed charges of first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, first-degree home invasion and firearms possession.

Davis, 44, was charged with murder after he allegedly shot his 20-year-old wife, Marian Easter, in her mother's Belvidere Avenue home in Flint on Sept. 8, 2008.

Police said Davis then turned the gun on his mother-in-law, Marian Easter, and shot her multiple times.

He was arrested a short time later.

Several months before the slaying, Davis had been placed on probation for a January 2008 domestic violence case involving Marian Easter.

Under the plea arrangement, Davis will be sentenced with manslaughter guidelines as a habitual offender fourth status.

That means he could still be sentenced to anywhere from 12 years to life in prison, said Genesee County Prosecutor David S. Leyton.

Davis will also have to serve a separate two years in prison on the gun charge.

The attorney for Davis could not be reached for comment.

Davis will be sentenced July 2 by Genesee Circuit Court Judge Geoffrey L. Neithercut.

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