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**JURY CONVICTS FLINT MAN OF
SECOND DEGREE MURDER**

Flint -- Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said a Flint man has been found guilty of second degree murder after a three day jury trial.

Devon Bates, 41 (d.o.b. 3/05/1974), was charged with the murder of a 63-year-old woman at an abandoned home on March 5, 2015. The medical examiner testified that the woman had been stabbed more than 100 times. Bates originally told his mother that he had been attacked by three men and so she called 9-1-1. When police arrived at Bates' home, he answered the door covered in blood and holding the murder weapon, a kitchen knife. Bates claimed that his three unknown attackers had forced him to stab the victim.

"This is yet another tragic case on the streets of our community where one of our citizens was killed in a violent attack," said Prosecutor David Leyton. "We cannot turn back the hands of time and undo this terrible attack but, we can be sure that Devon Bates will no longer be able to cause harm to any of our citizens," he said.

Bates will be sentenced on March 14th by Circuit Court Judge Richard Yuille.

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