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**MAN CHARGED IN 1982 MURDER OF FLINT TWP. WOMAN EXTRADITED
FROM CANADA TO STAND CHARGES IN THE WOMAN'S DEATH**

Flint -- Prosecutor Leyton announced today that a former Genesee County resident has been extradited from Canada to stand charges in the 1982 shooting death of a Flint Township woman.

Jerries Qumsyeh, 62 (d.o.b. 2/07/1953), formerly a resident of Genesee County, Michigan and most recently residing in the country of Jordan, was extradited yesterday from Canada and is currently lodged in the Genesee County jail where he awaits prosecution for the 1982 murder of his former wife, Salwa Isaac, of Flint Township who was 37 at the time of her death.

Police investigative reports reveal that on August 21, 1982, two women on horseback found the decomposed body of a woman lying in a ditch on the North side of Ray Road, just West of Jennings Road in Mundy Township, Genesee County, Michigan.

An autopsy conducted on August 22, 1982, determined the cause of death to be a single gunshot wound to the Left side of the skull 1" above the ear, with an exit wound on the Right side. The exact time of death could not be determined due to decomposition and weather conditions. The identity of the body was not known at this time

On August 22, the Mundy Township Police were contacted by a man who stated the physical description of the unidentified body matched that of his mother, **SALWA ISAAC** (F/A, DOB 3/16/45) who had been missing for 5 or 6 days. Flint Township Police had taken a missing person report August 19, 1982. She was last seen alive when she left her place of employment on August 16, 1982 around 11:30 pm. Fingerprint analysis later identified the body as that of Salwa Isaac.

Prior to the discovery of Isaac's body, on August 19, 1982, Mundy Township Police were advised by the Michigan State Police that a small, .25 caliber Beretta handgun had been discovered by a teen while cycling along the road in Fenton Township on August 18, 1982. This location is a short distance South west of where Salwa Isaac's body was discovered three days later. It was located in the immediate area of an entrance ramp to the major North-South highway between Mundy and Fenton Townships and Flint, where

it was later learned that Jeries Qumsyeh lived and worked in 1982. This location was also near the home of Qumsyeh's then-girlfriend.

The Mundy Township Police began an investigation which led them to Jeries Qumsyeh as their suspect in Isaac's murder. At one time, according to police interviews with witnesses, Isaac and Qumsyeh had been married but, due to them being cousins, family pressures lead to a divorce.

Mundy Township officers spoke with Qumsyeh on August 24, 1982, and obtained consent to search his two door, 1976 Silver Ford Torino. Evidence found in the vehicle included human blood and lab analysis and other testing on the vehicle led to further probable cause evidence implicating Qumsyeh in Isaac's murder.

Mundy Township Police had scheduled an interview for Jeries Qumsyeh on August 26, 1982. Qumsyeh did not appear for this interview. He left a note for the police stating he was sorry he had an immigration appointment in Detroit, but would return later that day and appear for the interview. He never showed up.

On September 13, 1982, a warrant was issued charging Jeries Qumsyeh with Open Murder in the death of Isaac. The maximum penalty for this offense is life in prison with no parole. On September 21, 1982, the United States Magistrate for the United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan issued an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution warrant against Qumsyeh in docket # 82-50050.

Efforts to extradite Qumsyeh from the Kingdom of Jordan, where it is known he fled to, were unsuccessful.

On August 15, 2011, United States law enforcement officials learned Jeries Qumsyeh had been detained in Canada while trying to enter that country and the FBI then notified the Genesee County Prosecutor's office of the same. Efforts were immediately begun to have him extradited from Canada to Michigan. With the assistance of the DOJ Office of Foreign Affairs in Washington DC, a multiple document Request for Extradition was presented to Canadian officials.

At each step of the process, it was determined that Qumsyeh should be extradited to the United States. He appealed each decision. Ultimately, on October 20, 2015, the Canadian Minister of Justice signed an "Order of Surrender" in which they ruled United States federal law enforcement officials could take physical possession of Qumsyeh.

On December 22, 2015, a letter was sent to the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office indicating Qumsyeh would be turned over to the United States on January 7, 2016. Local law enforcement and the FBI took custody of Qumsyeh on that day. Winter 2016. And he is now lodged in the Genesee County Jail.