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ELIAS ABUELAZAM SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON

FLINT -- Elias Abuelazam was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole this morning for the August 2, 2010 murder of 49-year-old Arnold Minor.

Abuelazam was found guilty of first degree murder last month after a three week jury trial for the stabbing death of Minor. Minor was found by Flint police with two stab wounds to his chest and stomach laying on Saginaw Street near 12th Street just south of downtown Flint in the early morning hours of August 2, 2010

"This man terrorized our community," Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton told Circuit Court Judge Judith Fullerton at the sentencing.

"He murdered our citizens; he slashed our people; he stabbed and maimed our friends," Leyton continued.

"I hope and pray the sentence you must impose will provide some closure for the family of Arnold Minor, the family of Frank Kellybrew, the family of Darwin Marshall, and all of the surviving victims," Leyton said.

Abuelazam is suspected of a series of knife stabbings in Flint and surrounding communities in 2010 that left a total of five men dead and nine others seriously injured. He is also a suspect in similar stabbings in Virginia and Ohio that left four others wounded.

In total, Prosecutor Leyton has charged him with three murders and six assault with intent to murder charges, one count of malicious destruction of property, and two counts of resisting and obstructing an officer causing injury and three counts of resisting and obstructing an officer. Those cases remain pending on the court's docket.

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