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Jury Convicts Flint Man in Brutal Beating of Unconscious Victim - Two Co-Defendants Plead Guilty

FLINT -- Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said a jury returned a guilty verdict yesterday in the 2013 violent assault of a 25-year-old Grand Blanc man outside a Flint strip club.

Cody Alan Tucker, 21 (d.o.b. 4-04-93) of Flint, was convicted of Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder after he violently attacked the unconscious victim on October 5, 2013 in the parking lot of Déjà Vu on Dort Highway in Flint.

Just prior to Tucker's assault, the victim had been struck by co-defendant Robert Yates, 23 (d.o.b. 7-09-90) of Burton. Yates and the victim had attended Grand Blanc High School together and ran into each other inside the club. Yates was still upset over an old prank that the victim had pulled on him and posted on the internet using Instagram. Yates asked the victim to go outside and, once the two were in the parking lot, Yates yelled at the victim and then punched him in the face. After being punched by Yates, the victim immediately fell to the ground where he remained unconscious while others joined in the assault.

Tucker, who was friends with Yates, began beating the unconscious victim by stomping on his face and kicking him in the head numerous times. Tucker also ran at the victim and kicked his head similar to a kick-off in a football game. Another co-defendant, Jeremy Ranger, 21 (d.o.b. 5-26-92) of Flint, kicked the victim one time.

The entire incident was captured on parking lot surveillance video from the club and shown to the jury.

Both Yates and Ranger entered into a plea agreement with the Prosecutor's Office in return for their testimony at trial against Tucker. Yates plead guilty to Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder and Ranger plead guilty to Aggravated Assault.

Tucker is scheduled to be sentenced in Genesee County Circuit Court on April 28th.

"The video of this beating was very disturbing and difficult to watch," said Prosecutor Leyton. "It is incomprehensible for me to understand how anybody could inflict such devastation on another human being who is lying there helpless."

The victim was unconscious for six days following the attack and is still recovering from his numerous injuries.



Cody Alan Tucker



Robert Yates