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JURY RETURNS GUILTY VERDICT IN 2011 IMPAIRED DRIVING CASE THAT KILLED DAVISON MAN

FLINT -- Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said his office obtained a guilty verdict this morning against a Flint man for driving while impaired and striking and killing a Davison man in June of 2011.

Raphael Dorrough, 24 (d.o.b. 1/07/89) of Flint, was charged and convicted of Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death and Reckless Driving Causing Death related to the traffic fatality that took the life of Jaryn Stevens, 22 of Davison.

Stevens was on his way to work as a security guard when he ran out of gas on Pierson Road near Clio Road in the City of Flint around 3:00 AM on June 7, 2011. Stevens called a friend who arrived with a gas can and as they were filling Stevens' vehicle, they spotted Dorrough's vehicle approaching them at a high rate of speed from behind. Stevens and his friend attempted to run out of the way onto the shoulder but Dorrough swerved at the last second and struck Stevens who died at the scene.

Evidence produced at trial estimated Dorrough was traveling 65 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour zone and he had both drugs and illegal limits of alcohol in his system at the time of the incident.

"Driving while impaired from alcohol or drugs can be a deadly formula as this case clearly demonstrates," said Prosecutor Leyton.

Dorrough faces up to 15 years in prison when he is sentenced on March 25th.