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**JURY CONVICTS FLINT MAN IN VIOLENT  
BEATING OF DAUGHTER'S BOYFRIEND**

**FLINT** – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton reported that a jury has convicted a Flint man for violently assaulting his daughter's boyfriend in 2012.

Tmando Allen Denson, 40 (d.o.b. 12-14-74) of Flint, was charged and convicted of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder after he severely beat his daughter's boyfriend on October 22, 2012 after finding the pair in his daughter's bedroom and suspecting the pair were having or about to have sex. At the time of the attack, Denson's daughter was 15-years-old and her then-boyfriend was 17-years-old.

The incident began when Denson went upstairs to investigate a loud noise he had heard coming from the second floor. Testimony during trial indicated that the daughter and her boyfriend were half naked when they heard Denson's footsteps as he climbed the stairs. The daughter was able to quickly get dressed but her boyfriend was still naked from the waist down when Denson entered the bedroom.

Denson then began beating the 17-year-old victim with his fists, stomped on him, and beat him with a shoe. Denson then ordered the pair to strip naked and he began taking pictures of them with his cell phone. Denson then ordered the victim to stay put while he went downstairs and returned with two knives, one in each hand. Denson stood over the cowering 17-year-old victim and began cutting his back, shoulders, and legs which has left permanent disfiguring scars.

After slicing the victim with the knives, he ordered him to kiss his boot but, just as the victim began to do so, Denson kicked him in the face. Denson then walked the dazed and bloody victim outside and told him he did all that to teach his daughter a lesson.

At the trial, both Denson's daughter and his wife testified on his behalf and his daughter claimed she was being sexually assaulted by the victim.

"While many fathers have an understandable desire to protect their daughters, this man's actions went far beyond any reasonable approach," said Prosecutor Leyton after the verdict was read.

"Tmando Denson is a very violent man and there is absolutely no rationalization or comprehensible excuse for what he did to the victim in this case," Leyton said.

"I commend the work of Assistant Prosecutor Barney Whitesman and officer-in-charge Jason Cate for their hard work on this case and for cutting through the defense argument that this man was simply trying to protect his teenage daughter," Leyton said.

Included as similar acts evidence during the trial was Denson's 2002 conviction in Wayne County for shooting someone with a gun over a \$75 drug debt.

As a four time habitual felony offender, Denson faces a minimum of 25 years and up to life in prison when he is sentenced on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

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