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LORENZO RELEFORD CONVICTED IN MURDER OF GRAND BLANC WOMAN

FLINT – Late this afternoon, a Genesee County Circuit Court jury came back with a “guilty on all counts” verdict against Lorenzo Donnell Releford, 27 (10-02-84) of Flint, in the 2011 murder of Jeanne Hank of Grand Blanc.

Hank’s body was found in her Grand Oaks Townhouse residence the morning of March 10, 2011 when her father arrived to pick her up for a planned appointment. He had last spoken with her about an hour earlier. An autopsy revealed that she died from asphyxiation.

A few hours later, Releford and another man, Dantoine Brown, 27 (d.o.b. 3-18-84) of Flint, were apprehended in Hank’s car with her TV, DVD player, laptop computer, and various pieces of her jewelry. The investigation revealed that Releford and Brown had been to various pawn shops trying to pawn Hank’s property after the murder.

Releford was charged and convicted on four counts: Felony Murder, Armed Robbery, First Degree Premeditated Murder, and Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile. He faces life in prison without parole when he is sentenced on May 14th at 8:30 AM.

Brown had pled earlier to manslaughter and armed robbery and testified against Releford. Brown will be sentenced Monday, March 19, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

“Releford and Brown killed Jeanne Hank in cold blood,” said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton. “Now they will face justice for their actions behind the steel bars of a prison cell,” he said.

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