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JURY CONVICTS MAN OF RAPE IN “COLD CASE” FROM 2012

FLINT -- A 25-year-old man has been convicted of rape related to a cold case from 2012 that was re-examined by authorities after a national cable TV show provided additional resources to test and review some of the evidence.

Marcel Jerome Robinson, 25 (d.o.b. 11/26/89), was charged with and convicted of first degree criminal sexual conduct, assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, unlawful imprisonment, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm related to an incident that occurred on September 4, 2012.

According to testimony at trial, the victim was visiting Robinson at his home in the City of Flint and the two got into an argument that turned into a scuffle and ultimately a sexual assault. The victim went to Hurley Medical Center to report the incident and seek treatment and a sexual assault “rape kit” test was performed.

The test remained unprocessed until this year when producers from the TNT cable TV show “Cold Justice” offered to review and provide funding for the testing of some of the more than 300 unprocessed “rape kits” being held in the City of Flint Police Department evidence room. Evidence from one of the tests pointed authorities toward Robinson and Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton’s office reviewed the case and authorized the charges.

“This is a perfect example of the old cliché that the wheels of justice sometimes move slowly,” said Prosecutor Leyton. “But the important thing is that we never give up in seeking justice for victims of crime,” he said.

“In this case, justice was finally served and Marcel Robinson is being held accountable for his actions,” Leyton said.

Robinson faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced on October 19th at 2:00PM in the courtroom of Judge Judith Fullerton.

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