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**JURY FINDS 23-YEAR-OLD GUILTY OF 7 FELONIES IN HOME
INVASION THAT LEFT TWO DEAD AND ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED**

FLINT – A Genesee County jury has convicted a former Flint man of seven felonies related to a 2012 home invasion that could keep him in prison for life, said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton.

Marcus Allen Howell, 23 (d.o.b. 4-3-94), formerly of Flint and currently serving a prison sentence, was convicted of one count of first degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of armed robbery, one count of attempted murder, one count of first degree home invasion and one count of felony firearm related to the August 5, 2012 home invasion on Dayton Street in the City of Flint that left two men dead from gunshot wounds to the head and a third with life threatening slashes to her throat. The surviving female victim was also sexually assaulted by Howell.

Howell was serving a prison sentence for a 2013 Genesee County felonious assault conviction when new evidence was obtained in the investigation into the 2012 homicides, said Prosecutor Leyton. Prosecutor Leyton then charged Howell with nine felonies including the murders of 54-year-old Randy Phillips and 40-year-old Patrick Boven.

“While I am disappointed we were unable to obtain a murder conviction in this case, I am satisfied that the seven convictions we did obtain will result in a lengthy prison sentence for Marcus Howell,” said Prosecutor Leyton after the verdicts were read. “Marcus Howell has a significant record of violence from a young age and he needs to remain in prison for a very long time where he will not be a danger to our community,” he said.

Howell will be sentenced on October 24th at 8:30AM.

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