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**71-Year-Old Grand Blanc Twp. Man Sentenced to Prison
for Shooting Police Officer**

FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton reported that a 71-year-old Grand Blanc Township man was sentenced to prison this afternoon for shooting a police officer.

Marvin Edward Ware, age 71 (d.o.b. 6-19-1944), of Grand Blanc Township, was sentenced to 11 years and 10 months in prison for shooting a Grand Blanc Township police officer who was responding to a domestic violence call at Ware's apartment. Ware was convicted in March of assault with intent to murder for shooting the police officer, assault by strangulation against his wife, two counts of felony firearm, resisting and obstructing police, and domestic violence.

The incident began around 4:35PM on June 17, 2013 when two Grand Blanc Township officers were dispatched to Georgetown Apartments after Ware's wife had called 9-1-1 to report that her husband had assaulted her. When the officers arrived, they saw Ware sitting on a couch and made initial verbal contact with him through a front window. Ware told the officers "just a minute" and then he proceeded to the interior rear of the house. Seconds later, the officers heard a woman screaming inside the house.

The two officers then radioed for backup assistance and tried to get inside the house to locate the screaming woman and the suspect but all doors were locked. Seconds later, the woman, who was Ware's wife, came running outside through the open garage door.

One of the officers then observed Ware walking inside the house and she yelled a warning to her partner who was positioned outside the garage that the suspect had a gun. Moments later, Ware came outside through the garage and the officer positioned there ordered him to show his hands. At that moment, Ware raised his shoulders and then shot and struck the officer in the shoulder. The officer, though seriously wounded, responded with repeated gunfire and struck Ware several times. Her partner then arrived and shot twice more at Ware who fell to the ground and was taken into custody.

"This is a prime example of the honorable and courageous service police officers provide to our community every day," said Prosecutor Leyton.

"In an instant, these two officers, responding to an otherwise routine 9-1-1 call, were placed in a life and death situation. They responded with utmost bravery and professionalism and were able to take the suspect into custody and eliminate the deadly threat he posed," Prosecutor Leyton said.