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Flint Man Convicted of Murdering Disabled Homeless Woman

FLINT - Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that justice has been served with a conviction this afternoon related to the 2010 murder of a homeless woman in Flint.

Thomas Lee Jones, 20 of Flint Township (d.o.b. 4-30-1991), was convicted of first degree murder after a six day trial in the death of Amanda Lamson, 23 of Flint.

Lamson, who was physically disabled, used a walker to get around and was recovering from hip replacement surgery when Jones and another man approached her on Minnesota Avenue between Leith Street and Oklahoma Avenue on Flint's east side the morning of November 16, 2010. The pair of men began to beat Lamson and dragged her into the street where they repeatedly ran over her with two different vehicles. Witnesses immediately called 9-1-1 to report the assault.

Lamson died from blunt force injuries on her head and torso. At the time of the attack, Lamson still had bandages covering the stitches on her hip from her recent surgery.

"Thomas Lee Jones committed a heinous and violent act by beating a defenseless woman and repeatedly running over her for no other apparent reason than seeking some sort of unexplainable evil thrill," said Prosecutor Leyton after the jurors returned with their guilty verdict.

"Nobody deserves to die in such a manner and I am pleased that the jury has delivered a sense of justice to the memory of Ms. Lamson," he said.

Jones faces mandatory life in prison without the possibility of parole when he is sentenced on June 4th.