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Elias Abuelazam Ordered to Stand Trial in July Slaying of Darwin Marshall

All District Court Matters Wrapped-up as Cases Move through Circuit Court

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FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that Elias Abuelezam has been bound over to Circuit Court in the July 26th stabbing death of Darwin Marshall, 43, of Flint. The case related to Marshall's slaying was the final one still pending in District Court as all other charges against him have been bound over to Circuit Court for trial. In all, Abuelazam has been charged with 15 felonies related to various assaults, homicides, and other incidents.

During today's continuation of a preliminary examination that began in December, Shomari Williams testified she was selling drugs with Marshall in the early morning hours of July 26 on Garland Street near Fifth Avenue. She testified that a green truck approached and the driver got out and talked to Marshall. After the vehicle left, Williams went over to Marshall and found him bleeding and shaking. Williams identified Abuelazam as the driver and person who had approached Marshall.

At the conclusion of today's exam, 68th District Court Judge Nathaniel Perry ordered Abuelazam to stand trial and scheduled a January 24th Circuit Court arraignment date.

Abuelazam is charged in a series of knife stabbings in Flint and surrounding communities this past summer that left a total of five men dead and nine others seriously injured. He is also a suspect in similar stabbings in Virginia and Ohio that left four others wounded.

Abuelazam is being held in the Genesee County jail with no bond. In total, Prosecutor Leyton has charged him with three murders and six assault with intent to murder charges, one count of malicious destruction of property, and two counts of resisting and obstructing an officer causing injury and three counts of resisting and obstructing an officer.

Last week, Abuelazam was ordered to undergo a forensic exam relative to criminal responsibility after his lawyers filed notice with the Court that they may pursue an insanity defense. A March 4th hearing date has been scheduled in Circuit Court.

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