



## Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



# Suspected serial killer Elias Abuelazam in court for first time in months

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FLINT, Michigan -- Suspected serial killer Elias Abuelazam was in court for a short while this morning during a hearing in front of Genesee Circuit Judge Judith Fullerton.

Abuelazam was present via video at the Genesee County Jail.

Abuelazam has been evaluated by a state psychiatrist to determine his competency to stand trial and his criminal responsibility. A report is completed but it has been sealed.

The defense is requesting its own expert to evaluate Abuelazam, who is charged with three open counts of murder and six assault with intent to murder charges during a Summer 2010 stabbing spree.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said he believes the defense expert will determine Abuelazam was insane at the time of the crimes. The prosecutor's expert will say otherwise, Leyton said.

That will set up a "battle of the experts" at trial, Leyton said.

Abuelazam will next appear in court on May 26.

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