

**News Release from
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Jury Finds Raymond Dukes Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- Thursday, November 10, 2022, a Monroe County Jury convicted 50-year-old Raymond Dukes of two counts of Murder in the Second Degree, two counts of Kidnapping in the First Degree, two counts of Assault in the First Degree, and Assault in the Second Degree for the murder of Tim Lewis. Co-defendant 50-year old William Crenshaw was also convicted of Kidnapping in the First Degree and Assault in the Second Degree.

On February 5, 2020, while at 762 Smith Street in the City of Rochester, 59-year-old Tim Lewis was beaten repeatedly with a baseball bat by Raymond Dukes. Tim Lewis was bound, chained, gagged and kept in the defendant's house until February 7, 2020 when members of the Rochester Police Department responded and rescued him. From February 5, 2020 to February 6, 2020, Raymond Dukes and William Crenshaw assaulted and kidnapped another female at the same location.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Felony DWI Bureau.

"Raymond Dukes violently assaulted and killed Tim Lewis in his own home. He showed a complete lack of regard for human life by prolonging his assault, binding, chaining, gagging and holding Mr. Lewis captive for days," said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. "I want to commend the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation as well as the female victim of this traumatic and violent event for her bravery."

"The kidnapping, assault and murder of Tim Lewis by Raymond Dukes was not only a horrific crime, but one that took an innocent life in the most brutal fashion," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "The loss of Mr. Lewis has devastated his family and it is our hope that they find solace in this conviction. While our office is pleased that these defendants were brought to justice for their crimes, we know nothing will be able to bring Tim's life back."

Raymond Dukes and William Crenshaw will be sentenced on December 21, 2022, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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