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Darrell Boyd Sentenced to 25 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Alexander Renzi sentenced 49 year old Darrell Boyd to the maximum sentence of 25 Years to Life for the April 20, 2007 murder of Katharina Lawn. On that date, Boyd brutally beat and strangled Lawn in her apartment on Merchants Road in the City of Rochester. He then set fire to the apartment in an attempt to cover up his crime.

The Rochester Police Department never let up on the investigation of the murder. A critical piece of evidence was the presence of Boyd's DNA underneath Katharina Lawn's fingernails.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Brian Green of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Major Felonies Bureau.

"The District Attorney's office is very happy with the results of this sentencing, and to have been a part of bringing closure to Katharina Lawn's family after years of speculation and doubt as to whether her killer would ever be brought to justice", said Green. "This was a heinous, brutal, spiteful, and pre-meditated crime and the jury verdict and sentence reflect that. We want to extend thanks to the Rochester Police Department for their dedication and persistence in pursuing this case through the years. We hope that this case will serve as a reminder that cold cases are not forgotten cases, and that all agencies involved will continue to pursue justice without regard to how long it takes or how difficult it may be."

Boyd, who has remained in custody since his arrest on May 1, 2013, will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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