

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Raymond Dukes Sentenced to 20 Years – Life for the Murder of Tim Lewis  
William Crenshaw Sentenced to 15 Years – Life for Kidnapping and Assault**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, December 21, 2022, New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi sentenced 50-year-old Raymond Dukes to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Dukes was convicted by a jury 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 sentenced by Justice Renzi to 15 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was convicted by a jury 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. Tim Lewis died from his injuries two months later. 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. While our office is pleased that Raymond Dukes will serve a potential life sentence for Tim's murder, we know nothing will heal the void left by Tim's death. After today's sentence, it is our hope that Tim's family can continue to mourn and heal outside the criminal justice system. ”

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