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Darrell Boyd Convicted of Second Degree Murder

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 49 year old Darrell Boyd guilty of Murder in the Second Degree 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. A critical piece of evidence that was presented at the trial 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, following an investigation by the Rochester Police Department.

"This case would not have been solved without DNA evidence, and the persistence of the Rochester Police Department" said Green. "Katharina's family can finally have some peace knowing that Darrell Boyd will be held accountable for his actions. This case should bring hope to the families of victims in other cold cases, who should know that their loved ones are not forgotten."

Boyd will be sentenced on May 14, 2014 before Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi, where he faces up to 25 years to life in prison. Boyd was remanded to custody following the verdict, and will remain in the Monroe County Jail until the sentencing.

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