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CITY OF LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Livonia Murder Solved by Police and Prosecutors

On February 23, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy, Lt. Greg Winn and Officer in Charge, Detective Sergeant Cory Williams announced charges at the Livonia Police Department in connection with a 15 year old Livonia homicide case that was solved as a result of a cooperative effort with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Livonia Police Department.

The defendant was arraigned today before Judge Robert B. Brzezinski.

The defendant, Richard Macrae Lawson, 58 of California was charged with the 1989 murder of Exavor Giller. Lawson was charged with Felony Murder that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, Armed Robbery that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison or any term of years and Felony Firearm that carries a maximum penalty of two years.

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy said, "This case is the quintessential example of what collaborative law enforcement can produce. The involvement of the family was crucial and the exemplary work of the Livonia Police Department must be highlighted. A murder no matter how old can be solved when we all work together."

Lt. Greg Winn and Detective Sergeant Cory Williams of the Livonia Police Department issued the following statement: "We at the Livonia Police Department would like to thank the family and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for their support and cooperation which was instrumental in solving this case. Our detectives were led to many different states during the course of the investigation and thanks to their dedication and hard work a killer will be brought to justice."

The Giller family never lost faith that the murder of their father would be solved. In a statement the family said: "It has been 16 years this June 19<sup>th</sup>, since our father's demise. We've been anticipating this day and thanks to the perseverance of the Livonia Police Department we will finally achieve the first step toward closure."

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