

17-YEAR-OLD FOUND GUILTY OF PROSTITUTE FATAL STABBING

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A **17-year-old** was **found guilty of** first-degree murder in Recorder's Court on Tuesday and another defendant was acquitted in the October 1988 slashing death **of a prostitute** in Balduck Park.

Separate juries convicted Patrick Musall, 17, in the slaying **of** Deborah Haynes and acquitted Fred Johnson, 21.

"You're all **guilty** ," shouted Eleanor Mitchell, Haynes' mother, as Wayne County sheriff's deputies escorted Johnson to freedom. "You all killed my daughter -- every one **of** you."

The jury was still out on a third defendant, Mark Berrara, 20. The fourth defendant, Matthew Copeland, 19, does not yet have a trial date.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Less and defense attorneys said they would not comment on the verdicts until a decision on Berrara is reached.

Musall faces mandatory life in prison without parole on his conviction.

Police have said Musall, Johnson and Berrara were loosely associated with a gang led by Copeland and described as skinheads by some residents **of** the middle-class neighborhood around Balduck Park on the city's east side.

Skinheads, rebellious youths usually from lower-class, blue-collar families, espouse a racist philosophy. Skinheads have been responsible for violence across the country and in Britain.

All four defendants, who are white, have denied they are skinheads.

According to testimony and statements the four gave to police, they set out one Friday night drinking and "looking for some people to laugh at." Musall told police that he and Johnson struck the victim, who is black, "a couple **of** times" after she was picked up near 7 Mile and Van Dyke, then drove to the park.

The four took her into the park, and Musall and Johnson ran when they heard Haynes scream and saw Copeland **stabbing** her, according to their statements. The four fled in Berrara's car after Copeland had stabbed her six times and slit her throat, they said.

Haynes was **found** dead in the park the next morning, her clothes ripped from her body and shredded.

The four were arrested after they were overheard bragging about a killing and comparing it to a Jack the Ripper television movie.

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