

## **COLEMAN , BROWN GET 20 YEARS IN ABDUCTION**

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DAYTON, Ohio -- A federal judge Monday sentenced former fugitives **Alton Coleman** and Debra Brown to 20 years each in a federal prison for the kidnapping of a Kentucky college professor.

Judge Walter Rice ordered the sentences to begin immediately and denied defense attorneys' requests to prevent Coleman and Brown from being sent to Cincinnati to face murder charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Crites said the two could be transferred immediately to Hamilton County from Dayton- Montgomery County Jail.

**COLEMAN** and Brown, both of Waukegan, Ill., pleaded guilty Nov. 26 to charges of kidnapping Oline Carmical Jr., a Kentucky college professor. Carmical was abducted July 16 from a motel parking lot in Lexington, Ky., and was found unharmed the next day, locked in his car trunk in Dayton.

**Coleman** and Brown also were alleged to have been involved in a string of slayings, kidnappings and robberies in six states, including Michigan. In Detroit, they are suspected of kidnapping a woman June 24, beating and robbing a Dearborn Heights couple June 28, robbing two Detroit women June 30 and robbing and beating a Detroit couple July 2.

In pronouncing the sentence Monday, Rice said probation reports indicated **Coleman** had served 26 months for aggravated robbery, kidnapping and rape when he was 18 years old. The judge said **Coleman** had been charged with subsequent offenses, but that those charges were dismissed or **Coleman** was acquitted.

RICE SAID Brown had had no criminal record, but told her, "There's no doubt in this court's mind that you played an active role in a serious life-threatening offense"

A third man charged in the Carmical kidnapping, Thomas Harris, 33, of Lexington, pleaded guilty Dec. 14 and is awaiting sentencing by Rice.

**COLEMAN** and Brown are wanted for questioning or have been charged in eight slayings and attacks on about a dozen other people during six weeks last summer in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. Those crimes include abductions, robberies and slayings.

**Coleman** had been added to the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List before he and Brown were arrested July 20 in Evanston, Ill. They have been indicted in potential death penalty cases in Toledo and Cincinnati.

In Hamilton County, Ohio, **Coleman** and Brown have been indicted in the separate slayings in July of Tonnie Storey, 15, of Cincinnati, and Marlene Walters, 44, of Norwood. **Coleman** and Brown also are charged in the beating of Harry Walters, 45, Marlene Walters' husband.

IN LUCAS County, Ohio, they have been indicted on aggravated murder charges in the beating death of Virginia Temple, 30, and her daughter, Rachelle, 10.

In Lake County, Ind., charges of murder, murder while committing a felony, attempted murder, confinement and child molestation were filed Nov. 26 by county Prosecutor Jack Crawford, stemming from the June 18 abduction of Tamika Turks, 7, of Gary. Her body was found the day after she and her nine- year-old aunt disappeared. The older girl survived the attack.

**Coleman** has been charged with murder and kidnapping in the death of Vernita Wheat, 9, of Kenosha, Wis., who disappeared May 29. Her body was found June 19 in an abandoned building in Waukegan, Ill.

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