

## TEEN GETS LIFE IN KILLING AFTER WORLD SERIES

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Detroit teenager William (Chick) Bryant was sentenced Tuesday to **life in** prison without parole **in** the murder of a 27- year-old Ypsilanti man during the victory celebrations that filled downtown Detroit streets **after** the 1984 **World Series** .

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Vera Massey Jones said she probably would have imposed the same penalty even if first- degree murder did not carry the mandatory sentence.

Bryant, 17, was convicted two weeks ago of fatally shooting Raymond Dobrzynski outside a downtown coney island restaurant when Dobrzynski resisted having his car stolen. Bryant, a juvenile at the time of the shooting, was tried as an adult.

Under Michigan law, first-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of **life in** prison without parole. Bryant can be freed only by a governor's commutation of his sentence.

Jones, who heard the two-day trial without a jury, said Bryant used the "celebration as an excuse to embark on a criminal enterprise."

**After** the trial, defense attorney W. Otis Culpepper said Bryant was being used as a scapegoat by city officials embarrassed by widespread negative publicity over the outbursts that followed the Tigers' victory.

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