

WILLIAMS LOCKS HIMSELF AWAY FOR LIFE FAMILY OF SLAIN GIRL SAYS IT ISN'T ENOUGH

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Leslie Williams gave up his freedom Tuesday but still has his life, a bitter reality for relatives of one of his victims.

In pleading guilty to kidnapping, raping and murdering 15- year-old Cynthia Jones, Williams agreed -- as he had promised -- to spend the rest of his life in prison. Only a governor's pardon could free him from the mandatory life sentence Oakland Circuit Judge Hilda Gage must give him on July 7.

But life in prison was not enough for Jones' relatives, who said if there were ever a case for capital punishment, Williams makes it.

"He's got his life and he can go on fantasizing and playing on the sympathy of the public and the press. Our granddaughter is gone -- a 15-year-old wonderful girl," said Mary Burley.

Jones, a junior varsity cheerleader and a top student at Milford High School, apparently was the final victim in Williams' rape and killing rampage that began within months of his August 1990 parole after serving seven years in prison for kidnapping and attempted rape. Jones was abducted from a Milford park on Jan. 4.

For each count, Gage instructed Williams to describe for the record what he had done to the teenager, who was abducted, taken to Williams' apartment and sexually assaulted before being killed.

Act by act, he graphically detailed his crimes in a cold, calm voice, including Jones' stabbing death, which he said he had planned.

Williams also has admitted abducting, raping and killing Kami Villanueva, 18, of South Lyon last September, and sisters Michelle and Melissa Urbin of Tyrone Township. Michelle was 16 and Melissa 14 when Williams killed them on Sept. 29, burying them in a Fenton cemetery.

Also Tuesday, Williams pleaded guilty to charges ranging from kidnapping and attempted murder to failing to obey a police officer in the assault of Carla Walters, 35, of White Lake Township, on May 24. The murder and kidnapping charges carry mandatory life sentences.

Through his lawyer, Williams had promised to plead guilty to all charges, sparing the victims' families and his family a long series of trials in which his crimes would be recounted.

Judges Gage and Richard Kuhn, who heard the Walters case, had the option of rejecting his plea, and both questioned him closely before accepting it. Prosecutors said Williams is the second person ever to plead guilty in Oakland County Circuit Court to first-degree murder.

Williams was upset because he was not allowed to shower and shave before his court appearance, said his attorney, Larry Kaluzny.

In both courts, Williams turned down the chance to have a psychiatric evaluation that might have offered him some defense.

In a soft but clear, barely audible voice, Williams told Gage: "I don't see that there's any need for it. . . . It's not applicable here. . . . I don't see any justification . . ."

Kaluzny said he had advised Williams against pleading guilty.

"From the very beginning, he said . . . he was not going to put the families through a trial and I think he was a man of his word on that," Kaluzny said.

When he killed the four teenagers, Williams was on parole for a 1983 kidnapping and assault and being a habitual offender. He was sentenced to seven to 30 years in prison, and served the minimum time.

Jones' family and Walters were relieved that their ordeal was over.

Alana Hoeft, Jones' mother, took notes during Williams' brief court appearance and said afterward that she was "especially thankful he won't be out there to hurt anyone else."

Walters, whose rescue from a Springfield Township cemetery on May 24 led to Williams' confessions, was angry at her attacker.

"I still have hate for him. I probably will for a long, long time," she said.

Assistant Prosecutor Pamela Maas said the prosecutor's office will press the other cases against Williams, which include a sexual assault of a 9-year-old Wixom girl and kidnapping and assaulting Jones' boyfriend. He also has confessed to several other sexual assaults and burglaries.

In Livingston County, Williams has agreed to undergo a psychiatric examination on both competency and criminal responsibility.

James Buttrey, Williams' attorney for the Livingston County cases, declined to discuss details. He said it may become apparent in court why he refused psychiatric examinations in the Oakland County cases, but agreed to them in the Urbin case.

Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson said he was struck by Williams' calm, cold-blooded manner as he recounted details of how he raped and killed Jones.

"But there's very little consolation to see him plead guilty," Thompson said. "Justice is not served in this case unless we have the death penalty."

Body found

Oakland County medical examiners Tuesday were trying to identify a body found Monday night in the Highland Recreation Area in White Lake Township.

Police said the body was that of a young female of unknown race, 5 feet 8 and 102 pounds with dark **black** hair. Examiners were able to recover some partial fingerprints from the body. The cause of death was undetermined.

Oakland County Sheriff's Capt. Glenn Watson.

Watson said there is no apparent connection to admitted serial **killer** Leslie Williams, though that will be investigated. Williams, through his attorney, Larry Kaluzny, maintained Tuesday that he has confessed all of his crimes and knows nothing about the body.

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S: Carla Walters reacts to Leslie Williams' guilty plea Tuesday on charges that he kidnapped her May 24. Her husband John is at her side.

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