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MOUNT CLEMENS — A Macomb County jury today found a 58-year-old man guilty of kidnapping and killing a 13-year-old girl who disappeared 22 years ago from an Eastpointe Dairy Queen.

Arthur Ream was found guilty of first-degree murder in connection with the disappearance and death of **Cindy Zarzycki** on April 20, 1986. Her body was never found.

The jury and courtroom — filled with family and friends of **Cindy Zarzycki** — heard closing arguments in the 22-year-old cold case in Macomb Circuit Judge Mary Chrzanowski's courtroom.

"This man not only killed her, but he deprived a family of a burial," Macomb Assistant Prosecutor Steve Kaplan said as he pointed at Ream.

Prosecutors allege Ream got to know **Cindy** after she formed a relationship with his son, Scott. They say Ream invited her to a fictitious surprise birthday party for Scott to lure her to the ice cream shop. However, Scott's birthday was in January, nearly four months earlier than the alleged abduction, Kaplan said.

But, to prove that, Ream's defense attorney Timothy Kohler said there needs to be evidence. He also told jurors that there are reasons — other than death — why **Cindy** wasn't in the courtroom.

"They want you to make some leap," Kohler said to the jury. "What they're asking you to do is not listen to the facts, but circumstances. You're to fill in the blanks."

Ream didn't testify in the case that rested Tuesday afternoon.

He is serving a prison sentence in the West Shoreline Correctional Facility in Muskegon County on an unrelated molestation charge.

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