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## **Prisoner Murdered Cellmate in Macomb Correctional Facility**

Mt. Clemens, MI - On Monday, December 19, 2022 the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office arraigned a prisoner in the Macomb Correctional Facility on 26 Mile Road in Macomb County in connection to a murder in the facility.

It is alleged that on October 18, 2022 Michael Ketchum went to breakfast and stabbed an inmate eight times in the head and neck. Officers then went to his cell where they discovered Ketchum's cellmate hogtied, strangled, and stabbed to death underneath his bed. The inmate that was stabbed is expected to live. The accused has been moved to another facility where he remains behind bars.

"Mental health is greatly needed in our court system," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

Michael Ketchum is charged with murder in the first degree, a life without parole offense, assault with intent to murder, a life offense, and prisoner in possession of a weapon, a five year felony.

The probable cause Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 and the preliminary exam will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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