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Man Sentenced for Murder of WWJ News Anchor

Mount Clemens, MI - On June 1, 2023, Arthur Williamson, a 55 year-old Pontiac man was sentenced in Macomb County Circuit Court for attacking James Nicolai, also known to WWJ-AM news as Jim Matthews, Nicolai's girlfriend, and their two children.

On Friday, September 23, 2022 Arthur Williamson tied up Nicolai's girlfriend and her two young children. When James Nicoai came home, Williamson struck him in the head multiple times with a hammer killing him. Williamson also struck Nicoai's 10 year old boy in the head with the hammer.

Arthur Williamson pled no contest to first degree premeditated murder (life felony), two counts of assault with intent to murder (up to life felony) and three counts of unlawful imprisonment (15 year felony) as a habitual fourth offender which guarantees a mandatory 25 year sentence for the assault and unlawful imprisonment charges. Macomb County Circuit Court Chief Judge James Biernat, Jr. sentenced Williamson with life without the possibility of parole.

"We find closure in knowing that a man who has shown a complete disregard for the sanctity of life will forever be removed from society. Yesterday's sentencing reflects our unwavering commitment to protect the innocent, preserve the fabric of our communities, and hold those accountable who choose to walk the path of violence and destruction. While we cannot undo the pain and loss experienced by the victims and their loved ones, we hope that this verdict brings them a semblance of peace and reassurance that justice has been served," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan.

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