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(Nashville, TN) A man previously convicted of aggravated rape has now been found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the strangulation death of 47-year-old Gwendolyn Denise Williams. Ms. Williams' body was found inside an abandoned house on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North on February 19, 2011. Following a day and a half of testimony and three hours of deliberation, a jury found John Barry Flye guilty after DNA evidence uncovered by Cold Case Detective Mike Roland identified Flye as a suspect.

“Ms. Williams fought for her life as Flye held her in a chokehold for up to five minutes,” Assistant District Attorney Debbie Housel said. “She didn’t deserve to die and he never gave her a chance.”

Flye previously served over 20 years in prison for the 1981 aggravated rape of a 10-year-old girl. He was released from prison eight years before the murder of Ms. Williams.

“He took her life and he didn’t even know her name.” Assistant District Attorney Derry Harper said.

A sentencing hearing for Flye has been set for January 5th. He faces six to ten years in prison.



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