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GRAND JURY INDICTS STEVEN VAN KEUREN WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES

Today (November 28, 2006) the Washington County Grand Jury indicted Steven Allen Van Keuren (D.O.B. 3/6/1960) charging him with two counts of Murder in the First Degree for the premeditated and intentional murders of Teri Lynn Lee and Timothy Jon Hawkinson Sr. On September 22, 2006, Lee and Hawkinson were found shot to death in Lee's home in West Lakeland Township.

A criminal complaint was filed by the Washington County Attorney's Office on October 10, 2006, charging Van Keuren with two counts of Murder in the Second Degree for the same crime. The County Attorney's Office then filed a petition with Washington County District Court requesting that a grand jury be convened. Charges of Murder in the First Degree carry a punishment of life imprisonment and therefore can only be charged by grand jury indictment.

Steven Van Keuren is currently being held at the Washington County Jail with bail set at \$6,000,000, which was set at a hearing held in October.

"We are pleased with the decision of the Grand Jury to indict Mr. Van Keuren. We presented this case so we could seek a life sentence for this horrendous crime," Washington County Attorney Doug Johnson said.

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