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GLENDALE MAN CONVICTED IN GREENBELT MURDER

Greenbelt, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow found Cornell Winfrei McClure, age 25, of Glendale, Maryland guilty of first degree murder of Tessa Mae Osborne, kidnapping that resulted in a death and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime. McClure's sole co-defendant, Rufus Millegan, pleaded guilty in 2002 to the same charges and received a life sentence. McClure now faces death penalty proceedings before Judge Chasanow that will begin on February 9, 2005.

At trial, government witnesses presented evidence that on May 1, 2001, McClure and Millegan picked up Osborne on her way to work at a local supermarket, but then took her to the Agricultural Research Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, which is within the federal government's exclusive jurisdiction. McClure admitted to FBI agents that he attempted to "press" her for information about a home invasion by local drug dealers that had occurred some weeks earlier. Not satisfied with Osborne's answers, McClure and Millegan shot Ms. Osborne several times while she attempted to run away. Medical examiner testimony concluded that Osborne died from 9-11

gunshot wounds inflicted by two firearms. Ms. Osborne's body was discovered the next morning by groundskeepers, and FBI and United States Park Police investigators arrested McClure on July 4, 2001.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Park Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James M. Trusty and Bryan E. Foreman.