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**GLENDALE MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN GREENBELT MURDER**

**Greenbelt, Maryland** - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow sentenced Cornell Winfrei McClure, age 25, of Glendale, Maryland to life in prison in connection with McClure's February 3, 2005 conviction for the 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 also received a life sentence. There is no parole in federal court.

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 numerous 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.