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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Reese Hammie convicted of multiple charges, including First-Degree Premeditated Murder

Carolyn Henry, Livingston County Prosecutor, announced that Reese Hammie, age 24, was found guilty by a Livingston County jury in the 44th Circuit Court on November 20, 2025, to First-Degree Premeditated Murder in the death of victim, Oghenevwede (Wede) Okagbare. The jury also convicted the defendant of First-Degree Home Invasion, Obstruction of Justice and Domestic Violence.

In a multiple week jury trial beginning on November 3, 2025, prosecuted by Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Christina Richards and Assistant Prosecutor Dana Chadee, evidence was presented at trial that showed on August 11, 2023, just after midnight, defendant arrived at the residence of his ex-girlfriend, Kaylee Angel, who was not home at the time. Victim Wede Okagbare was at the residence awaiting the return of Ms. Angel. Defendant entered the home and shot victim Wede Okagbare multiple times. Defendant then fled the scene prior to Ms. Angel returning to her home. Witnesses reported to 911 hearing shots fired and observing one of the vehicles that defendant drives, a Saturn Vue, fleeing the area. Defendant was later stopped in the early morning hours by Meridian Township Police for a traffic violation. Meridian Township Police were advised that defendant was a suspect in the shooting of the victim. A Glock 9mm extended magazine and a "We the People" holster was located in the defendant's vehicle. Additional items located in the Saturn Vue were zip ties fashioned like handcuffs, a pistol light, a homemade mallet and duct tape. The day after the murder, a young man fishing in the Red Cedar River in Williamston located portions of a Glock 45 registered to the defendant wrapped in a camouflage neck gaiter. Defendant resided near this area with his grandmother at the time the weapon was located. Defendant's grandmother reported to law enforcement that the defendant was not in her home at the time of the shooting of the victim. In a telephone call defendant made to his grandmother from the jail, he demanded her to stop talking to law enforcement and if she did not, she would not see him again. Defendant told his grandmother that he needed her to be on his side.

Additional evidence established at jury trial proved that approximately a week prior to the murder, the defendant had forced entry into the victim, Kaylee Angel's, home and assaulted her

in the presence of her young son. Defendant had also been sending threatening text messages to Ms. Angel, including a message that said "... I will beat the ever living shit out of you I swear to god call the cops bitch I promise I'll get to you first."

"This case is a tragic example of how domestic violence can escalate to a jealous rage leading to the senseless murder of an innocent victim. The victim, Wede Okagbare, was described as a kind young man who had a very bright future and did nothing to deserve this type of brutality. Kaylee Angel and her young son also deserved protection and safety from the defendant" said Prosecutor Carolyn Henry.

Defendant was sentenced on January 6, 2026, before the Honorable Miriam Cavanaugh, and received life in prison without the possibility of parole on the First-Degree Murder conviction. Defendant was also sentenced to 95 months to 20 years on the First-Degree Home Invasion conviction, 93 days in the Domestic Violence Conviction, 852 days on the Obstruction of Justice conviction.

Prosecutor Henry would like to recognize and thank the outstanding investigative work by Detective Andrew Maas, the Howell City Police Department, the Livingston County Major Crimes Task force, and the Michigan State Police. Additionally, the Prosecutor Henry is grateful to the law enforcement agencies that assisted in this investigation to ensure that justice was achieved.

Prosecutor Henry also commented "I would also like to express special gratitude to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Christina Richards and Assistant Prosecutor Dana Chadee, whose advocacy and leadership in prosecuting this case ensured justice was pursued with care and integrity."