

SERIAL KILLER QUIETLY TELLS OF ABDUCTING, SLAYING SISTERS

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HOWELL -- Speaking almost in a whisper, confessed serial killer **Leslie Williams** described in gruesome detail Thursday how he abducted and smothered Michelle and Melissa Urbin in a Tyrone Township field last September.

Testifying for the first time, Williams told Livingston County Prosecutor David Morse how he confronted Michelle, 16, and Melissa, 14, in a field near Foley Road with a pocket knife.

Williams, 39, said he bound their hands with plastic ties, photographed and raped them and later decided to kill the sisters so they could not identify him or his car. He used engine starting fluid, which contained ether, to knock them out before he killed them.

"I had already smothered one young lady and it was difficult to do," Williams testified, in an apparent reference to Kami Villanueva, 18, of South Lyon. She was killed two weeks before the Urbins on Sept. 29.

Williams said he held the ether-soaked rag to Melissa's face, while Michelle held a rag to her own face.

But "it did not work and they were still conscious," Williams said. "I separated them so they wouldn't know what happened. One wouldn't be there when the other was dying."

Williams said he then smothered the sisters. "I held a rag over their mouth and nose until they stopped moving."

Patrick and Kathy Urbin sat clutching each other's hands as Williams detailed their daughters' slayings.

Kathy Urbin said "As a mother, I wanted to know what my daughters went through."

Later Thursday, Williams pleaded guilty before Livingston County Circuit Judge Daniel Burress to the kidnapping and slaying of the Urbins.

But Williams' mumbled answers to Burress' questions proved too much for Patrick Urbin. "Speak up, Mr. Williams, we can't hear you," he shouted from his seat in the courtroom.

Although Williams waived preliminary examinations in the kidnapping, rape and slayings of Villanueva and Cynthia Jones of Milford, Morse said he wanted to preserve testimony in the Urbins' deaths in case Williams decided to appeal the conviction.

Williams has been sentenced to mandatory life in prison without parole in the Jones case. He faces the same sentence in the Villanueva case later this month and on Oct. 5 in the death of the Urbins.

Caption: Photo GEORGE WALDMAN

: WILLIAMS TALKS ABOUT SLAYINGS Admitted serial killer **Leslie Williams** pauses during testimony Thursday in which he gave details of the kidnapping and killing of sisters Michelle and Melissa Urbin last year.

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