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### TEEN IS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Fifteen-year-old George Douglas was **convicted of manslaughter** late Wednesday for stealing a Jeep Cherokee in July and crashing into a woman in a wheelchair near the Wayne State University campus.

Douglas, who was 14 at the time **of** the fatality, originally was charged as an adult with felony murder in connection with the July 17 death **of** 56-year-old Gwendolyn Leonard-Hall **of** Detroit.

The accident occurred after Wayne State police noticed Douglas and 16-year-old David Haley breaking into a parked black 1999 Jeep Cherokee at the Lodge service drive near Warren.

The suspects took off, with Douglas driving. They slammed into a moving Jeep Liberty at the service drive and Warren, then careened into Leonard-Hall who was on the sidewalk in her motorized wheelchair.

She died several hours later at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Involuntary **manslaughter is** not a state adult-designated offense, meaning Wayne County Family Division Judge Leslie Kim Smith will sentence Douglas as a juvenile on Jan. 16.

Haley pleaded guilty Monday to receiving and concealing stolen property and was sentenced to a medium security juvenile facility.

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