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Cape Coral Murder: Life in Prison

Today, 59-year-old Leroy James “Jim” Taylor, Jr. was sentenced to life in Florida State prison for the 2012 brutal beating that resulted in the death of his father, 91-year-old Leroy Taylor, Sr.

Taylor Jr. was convicted by a jury in January 2017 of Second Degree Murder, following a six day trial.

The Air Force retiree and combat veteran died as a result of blunt force trauma to his head and chest. He was doused in gasoline and an attempt to set him ablaze failed. Friends of Taylor, Sr. found him in his Cape Coral home. The murder occurred while the defendant was in town visiting. He flew back to New York after the murder and was later arrested when he returned to Cape Coral.

Assistant State Attorney Hamid Hunter of our Homicide Unit prosecuted the case. We would like to thank the Cape Coral Police Department for their hard work on this case.

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