

# Pair sentenced in murder case

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McDonough asked McClatchey to help him cover up his crime, and he agreed. They carried Stockton to an area not seen from the road, and drove Stockton's car back to their Fourth Line home where they picked up McClatchey's car.

Back at McKeown Collision with both cars, the two men put Stockton in the trunk of his vehicle. Stockton's prosthetic legs—he was a double amputee from an accident when he was 13—fell off, and they were put into the back seat of the car, the court heard.

Stockton's family members later said the prosthesis wouldn't have fallen off by itself—it had to be taken off.

McDonough drove Stockton's car to Traffix, with McClatchey following in his car behind.

Gasoline was poured by one of the men in the car and the trunk, and the car was set on fire.

The court heard that McDonough drove back to his Fourth Line residence, where he told people to say he'd been there the entire night if questioned.

McClatchey also returned home, smelling of gas.

The next day, McClatchey was arrested without incident, while McDonough refused to surrender, telling police to kill him instead. He was shot by a taser gun.

Stockton's immediate cause of death was determined to be smoke inhalation. Without medical attention, he would've eventually died from the stab wounds, court heard. In the autopsy, Stockton was found to have four times the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

"No sentence I could impose today can turn back the clock," Justice Durno said before delivering his decisions, adding, "The (victim impact) statement painted a portrait

of a loving and devoted husband and father—a person who brought joy into the lives of so many."

In sentencing McClatchey to six years, Justice Durno took into consideration that he "wasn't involved in any way in the stabbing and pleaded guilty and surrendered to police."

McClatchey will spend an additional 30 months in prison, since he's already been in custody 21 months, which counts as 42 months (pre-sentence custody is calculated as double the amount of time).

Six years was the sentence agreed to by Crown Attorney Laurie Jago, as well as defence lawyer Edward Royle.

In determining if McDonough should be ineligible for parole for more than 10 years, Justice Durno said he took into consideration that he pleaded guilty, sparing the family a lengthy and painful trial.

Factors that counted against McDonough included McDonough made no attempts to get help after stabbing Stockton, and didn't surrender to police. And he had a "significant" criminal record, with 22 convictions from 1981 to 2003, Justice Durno told the court.


Justice Durno stressed that just because McDonough will be eligible for parole in 14 years doesn't mean he'll be released then.

Jago had been requesting parole ineligibility for 15 to 18 years, while McDonough's lawyer, John Rosen, said no parole for 12 to 14 was more appropriate, should the judge decide to extend the period from the automatic 10 years.

McDonough, who has two sons, looked unfazed as he was led from the courtroom, clad in a black suit, his dark balding hair close-cropped.

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