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#### **Two Harbors man sentenced for Hillside murder**

A Two Harbors man was sentenced this afternoon to 30 years in prison for stabbing a Duluth landlord to death.

Raymond Charles Weeks, 42, pleaded guilty in State District Court in March to intentional second-degree murder for slaying Kevin John Tyman, 54. The victim died in a Duluth hospital on Dec. 21, 2012, hours after sustaining a single stab wound that lacerated his liver.

Sixth Judicial District Judge Shaun Floerke accepted the plea agreement worked out between the county attorney's office and the public defender's office and sentenced the defendant to 360 months in prison.

"Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the Tyman family, who continue to suffer the loss of their brother, father and loved one every day," Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Kristen Swanson said after the hearing. "My hope is today's sentencing can assist them in finding peace."

The court also ordered Weeks to pay \$2,387.76 for Tyman's funeral expenses. The defendant was given credit for the 263 days he has already served in jail.

"Our office is grateful for the work of the Duluth Police Department, particularly the diligence of investigators Mike Tinsley and Dave Decker in their pursuit of justice on behalf of Mr. Tyman and our community," Swanson said.

A Duluth woman is scheduled to be sentenced next week for her role in Tyman's death. Joella Lee Tucker, 32, pleaded guilty in March to aiding and abetting second-degree murder.

Tucker testified at her plea hearing that she saw Weeks stab Tyman in the abdomen. Her anticipated guideline sentence is 10 years, 10 months in prison, but the defense is allowed to argue for a shorter sentence.

Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Chris Pinkert assisted Swanson in both prosecutions.

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