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MEDIA ADVISORY

Michigan Supreme Court Goes on the Road to Cass Tech

WHO: More than 500 students from Cass Technical High School and other Detroit high schools and middle schools
Michigan Supreme Court Justices
Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones and Council members
Detroit Public Schools Community District Superintendent Nikolai Vitti
36th District Court and 3rd Circuit Court Judges

WHAT: The Michigan Supreme Court will hear oral argument regarding *People v Elisah Kyle Thomas*. Participating schools include: Cass Tech, Mackenzie, Burton International, Bates, Neinas, Clippert Academy, Ludington Magnet Middle School, and Fisher Upper School. A debriefing session with attorneys will follow oral argument.

At issue: For identification purposes, are the police permitted to show a crime victim a single photo of a suspect (such as one taken by a smart phone), or does such a procedure create a substantial likelihood of misidentification? If the procedure is too suggestive, should the victim nevertheless be permitted to identify the defendant during court proceedings when there is an independent basis for the identification?

WHEN: October 25, 2017

Oral Argument	12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Student Debriefing	1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cass Tech High School, 2501 2nd Ave, Detroit, MI 48201
Oral argument can also be viewed live on Fox 2 Detroit.

WHY: While the Supreme Court normally hears oral argument at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, justices and staff travel to various communities as part of "Court Community Connections," which the Supreme Court started as a public education program aimed principally at high school students.

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Stephen J. Markman said: "The Court hopes that the Community Connections program will introduce students to the role of appellate courts in the legal process, while inspiring them to better understand the contributions of lawyers and judge in furthering our country's rule of law."

Media are welcome; please contact the Office of Public Information at 517-373-0129 or browneb@courts.mi.gov for permission to film or photograph during the hearing. Oral argument will also be live streamed by Fox 2 Detroit.

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