

## **Update: Man convicted of Tram Road slaying sentenced to death**

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Miguel Oyola was sentenced to the death penalty Monday morning after a 9-3 vote by jurors Sep. 3 recommended capital punishment for the murder and kidnapping of Michael Lee Gerrard. **12 P.M.**

MONTICELLO — The chains around Miguel Oyola's ankles dragged on the hardwood floors, breaking the silence in the courtroom that came after he was sentenced to the death penalty by Circuit Judge L. Ralph Smith.

"I want to apologize for what I did. I'm remorseful for what happened," Oyola said. "I'm asking for you to show mercy on me."

Oyola was convicted of the first-degree murder and kidnapping of Michael Lee Gerrard in August. A 9-3 vote by jurors recommended the death penalty during the sentence hearing.

The defense argued that the murder, although brutal, was not heinous enough to warrant capital punishment.