

Michael Jones guilty of first-degree murder



Lena Andrews embraces Vero Beach Police Chief David Currey after a guilty verdict came back from the jury in the trial of Michael Jones, now convicted in the murder of his girlfriend Diana Duve in 2014. "He is a monster, he is a monster," said Andrews, Duve's mother. "What he did to her was nothing short of torture." Jones, 36, was found guilty of first-degree murder and could face the death penalty. The penalty phase of the trial is scheduled to begin on Nov. 13. PHOTOS BY PATRICK DOVE/TCPALM

Victim's mother: 'My only child is not coming back'

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Duve

That's how Diana Duve's mother, Lena Andrews, summed up Michael Jones, 36, who was convicted Tuesday of premeditated first-degree murder for using his hands to choke Duve to death June 20, 2014.

"There is no justice for me, my daughter is not coming back; my only child is not coming back," Andrews said after the verdict was announced. "The jury got it right. It's very hard for me, it's just very painful."

"But he got what he deserved."

It took the 12-member jury - six women and six men - about 45 minutes to vote unanimously to convict Jones.

His trial now moves to a penalty phase

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Michael Jones, 36, exits the courtroom on Tuesday after a jury found him guilty of first-degree murder of his girlfriend, Diana Duve, in 2014. Jones' trial will move to a penalty phase scheduled in November for the same jury to determine whether he should serve life in prison or be put to death. "There is no justice for me; my daughter is not coming back," said Lena Andrews, mother of Diana Duve. "My only child is not coming back."



The Indian River School Board considered Tuesday a new proposal that would allow qualified students to administer medical marijuana at school. FILE PHOTO

Indian River Co. mulls medical pot on campus

Proposal would only allow parent, guardian to administer marijuana

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VERO BEACH - Some students soon may be allowed to use medical marijuana on campus under a new district proposal.

The School Board Tuesday considered allowing qualified students to be administered medical marijuana on campus.

If passed, only a student's parent or guardian would be permitted to administer his or her medical marijuana on school property.

Florida voters in 2016 voted to legalize medical marijuana, but many school districts, such as Indian River County, held to their policies of banning any marijuana on campus.

In 2017, however, the Legislature required all 67 school districts to implement policies allowing students on the state's medical-marijuana registry to use the medicine at school.

Deadline is Dec. 31.

Martin County is expected to discuss a proposal in November, district spokeswoman Jennifer DeShazo said. St. Lucie County adopted its own compliance policy in December, district spokeswoman Lydia Martin said in an email.

Indian River school district was hesitant to enact policies regarding medical marijuana previously because they wanted to ensure its policy didn't conflict with federal policies, Board Chair Laura Zorc said.

Zorc also recognizes that it's a medication and can be used for many illnesses, she said.

Still, not all board members are convinced.

"I'm worried about the can of worms we're going to open," board member Teri Barenborg said.

A student who has qualified for the state medical-marijuana registry would need to designate a parent or caregiver to assist with administration of the marijuana at school. School nurses, health care personnel and school administration

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IRSC president Massey retiring after 31 years

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FORT PIERCE - The president of Indian River State College will retire in August, the school announced Tuesday.

Since 1973, Dr. Edwin Massey has served in several roles at the college, including as an instructor of biology and various positions in the administration.

He has been its president for the past 31 years.

Tuesday, he notified the IRSC District Board of Trustees of his plan to retire and asked them not

to extend his contract. That leaves the board to search for its fourth president in its history.

"I couldn't have asked for a more rewarding and fulfilling professional career, and that's a reflection of the people I've had the pleasure to



Massey

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