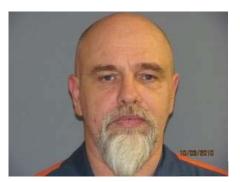


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James Grissom

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The decision reverses prior rulings by the court of appeals and trial court. The evidence of prior rape allegations is now being returned to the trial court to determine if it is sufficient for a new trial.

"The trial court's determination is to be made and communicated to this court within 60 days of the date of this opinion," the justices ruled.

James Eugene Grissom was sentenced to 15 to 35 years in prison after Ylen said he raped her in her vehicle in the Fort Gratiot Meijer parking lot May 12, 2001. He was found guilty by a jury of two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The new evidence, discovered after the trial, is that Ylen told police, family and

friends she had been raped on other occasions by at least nine different people. A police report also was filed when she told people she was kidnapped and raped in California. That allegation came after the May 2001 incident, but before she reported it to police.

Ylen told police two days after the assault that she was attacked; she waited 14 months before telling police she was raped.

"Mr. Grissom should be granted a new trial because this case rested solely on Ms. Ylen's credibility, and the new evidence that she falsely claimed she was kidnapped and raped in California just a few months after the alleged attack in this case utterly undermines that credibility," Christine Pagac, Grissom's appeals lawyer said.

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