

Jury in teacher rape case deadlocked

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DETROIT -- Jurors in suburban Detroit told a judge they were deadlocked in the case of a former kindergarten teacher accused of rape. The jury said in a note Wednesday that a single juror was holding out and preventing a unanimous verdict in the case of James Perry, who allegedly raped two special education students in a classroom in 2005, the Detroit Free Press reported. "We are absolutely not going to reach a unanimous verdict," the note read. "There is a fundamental disagreement on the part of a juror." The newspaper said the Oakland County, Mich., jurors were convinced they wouldn't be able to settle the deadlock "today, tomorrow or next week." Perry, 34, Ferndale, Mich., is on trial for the second time in the case and could face life in prison if convicted.

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