



Suspected serial stabber Elias Abuelazam will be one of 13 inmates in solitary confinement at Genesee County Jail

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FLINT, Michigan -- Suspected serial slasher Elias Abuelazam will be one of 13 inmates at the Genesee County Jail housed in solitary confinement.

Abuelazam's will stay in cell No. 7 on the fifth floor, one of 30 solitary confinement cells in the jail, and will be checked on every 15 minutes by guards, said Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell.

Abuelazam will be locked in his 8-foot by 13-foot jail cell for 23 hours a day, with one hour to speak to his , see a doctor or stretch his legs in the open space between the solitary confinement cells.

Abuelazam, 33, is expected to arrive Genesee County in less than an hour. He is being extradited today from Fulton County Jail in Atlanta where he's been lodged since his arrest there Aug. 11.

He's believed to have stabbed 14 men in Genesee County, killing five. Officials believe he also attacked four other men out of state.

Abuelazam's solitary confinement is for the suspect's own safety, Pickell said.

"He's scarred a lot of lives," Pickell said. "There's a lot of dislike and animosity in Flint and Genesee County."

Abuelazam is expected to be arraigned at 3 p.m. today on a charge of assault with intent to murder stemming from a July 27 Flint stabbing.

He will remain in the jail during the arraignment, Pickell said. He'll seen through a video monitor in the jail.

Abuelazam is expected to undergo a physical and psychological evaluation Friday, Pickell said.

Check back for more updates on Abuelazam's arrival to Michigan.

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