

Ruth Maxine Miller (Musselwhite), Class of 1931.



A Memphis man has pleaded guilty to strangling a 93-year-old woman inside her home, stealing her belongings, then returning to steal her car. Quinton Burkes, 29, pleaded guilty in Criminal Court Monday to first-degree murder, aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary. He was sentenced to life in prison for the crimes. Burkes entered Ruth Maxine

Musselwhite's home on Summer Avenue on Dec. 12, 2005. There, he strangled the woman, stole two televisions, a DVD player, various other items and her checkbook. Memphis police arrested Burkes for the murder after he pawned the electronics and wrote checks to himself on the checking account. Mrs. Musselwhite is the mother of renowned blues artist Charlie Musselwhite, Class of 1962.