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NEWS UPDATES

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Home Alone Case Charged

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Deedra Y. Pitts, 31(DOB 5/13/81) of Detroit with two counts of the misdemeanor Child Abuse 4th Degree in connection with leaving her two minor children home alone on April 4, 2013. In the early morning hours, the children were alone in their home, located in the 9300 block of Pingree in Detroit. It was discovered that the children were alone when Pitt's 10-year-old male child called 911 to report a suspected burglary. Pitts is expected to be arraigned in 36 District Court today at noon.

Eastpointe Man Charged with Child Sexually Abusive Activity

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Michael Alan Starr, 22 (11/12/90) of Eastpoint with: Child Sexually Abusive Activity; two counts of Using a Computer to Communicate with a Another to Commit a Crime ; Accosting a Minor for Immoral purpose and Using a Computer to Communicate with Another to Commit a Crime.

Starr was acquainted with the 13-year- old female Detroit complainant. It is alleged that on April 2, 2013, he communicated with her on Facebook, and talked about having sex with her. The girl's

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father discovered their communications and continued to communicate with Starr, posing as his daughter. It is further alleged that on April 2, 2013, the defendant went to the girl's home located in the 8600 block of Plainview for the purpose of having sex with the her. Once Starr arrived, her father apprehended him and called the police, who took him into custody.

Starr was arraigned on April 7, 2013 in 36th District Court. His preliminary examination is scheduled for April 16, 2013.

Monday, April 8, 2013

Detroit Man Charged in Garvin Street Homicide

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Antoine L. Wilson, 29 (DOB 12/21/83) of Detroit, in connection with the homicide of Ajena Lashay Peavy, 18, also of Detroit. On April 6, 2013, at approximately 11:12 a.m., Wilson came over to visit Peavy and asked her to step out on the porch of her home, located in the 3900 block of Garvin in Detroit. Shortly thereafter, it is alleged that Wilson shot Peavy multiple times. The female victim's mother came out on the porch after hearing the gunshots and Wilson pointed a gun at her and then he proceeded to flee the scene on foot.

Wilson has been charged with First Degree Murder - 1st Degree, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, two counts of Felonious Assault and Felony Firearm. He was arraigned today at 36th District Court and was remanded. His preliminary examination will be held on April 16, 2013.

Timothy Baughman Receives Leonard Gilman Award from the Federal Bar Association

The Federal Bar Association has selected Timothy Baughman, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Chief of Research, Training and Appeals, as this year's recipient of the prestigious Leonard Gilman Award.

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Kym Worthy vs. Wayne County – The case has been adjourned from April 10, 2012 until April 29, 2013, before Judge Wendy Baxter.

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Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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Today Pitts was arraigned before Judge Ronald Giles and received a \$500 personal bond with the condition that she pay \$500 in traffic fines by April 12, 2013 and continue to pay any remaining traffic fines each month. She is scheduled to be in court again on June 13, 2013 for a pre-trial conference.

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Crime Victims' Rights Week Events

*Gun Violence Program at Carstens Elementary/Middle School
on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon*

*A Community Forum on Cyber Crimes – “Fighting Cyber Space Predators”
on Thursday, April 25, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

Citizens will join local officials throughout Wayne County to mark National Crime Victims' Rights Week, from April 21-27, 2013. This year's theme, “**New Challenges, New Solutions**” reflects on the increasingly complex mission of victim advocates today. Members of the press are invited to attend.

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Friday, April 12, 2013

Wayne County Turn-Around Program Hosts Reduce the Risk Seminar *Program Aims to End Sexual Violence Through Education and Awareness*

At least one in four females, and one in six males, will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime. Teenage and college-aged women have the highest rate of sexual victimization of any age group. The prevalence of sexual assault in the United States is staggering. That is why Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy initiated The Wayne County Turn-Around Program (WC TAP).

WC TAP is a working collaboration between the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and community-based stakeholders who acknowledge the challenges surrounding sexual violence in teens and young adults. WC TAP is dedicated to ending sexual violence in our at-risk population by providing education and awareness in our community.

On **Saturday, April 20, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p .m., the First Annual Reduce the Risk Seminar will be held at the Wayne County Community College located at 801 West Fort Street in Detroit.** Our program, which is free of charge, is open to young adults ages 13 and up, as well as parents and educators. Refreshments have been donated. This seminar is limited to 200 attendees, so we encourage early registration.

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