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NEWS UPDATES

Monday, July 7, 2014

Second Defendant Charged in Inkster Case

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Raphael Hearn, aka Rapheal Hearn, 29 (DOB: 11/14/1984) of Inkster, with First Degree Murder, two counts of Assault with Intent to Murder and Felony Firearm. On July 1, 2014, at approximately 8:30 p.m., at a location in the 30000 block of Carlyle in Inkster, it is alleged that Hearn participated in the fatal shooting of a two-year-old infant girl and the non-fatal shootings of a 13-year-old female and a 26-year-old male. The infant girl is the daughter of the 26-year-old male. The facts and evidence in the case will be presented in court.

On July 5, 2014, Hearn was arraigned and remanded to jail. His preliminary examination will be held on July 16, 2014 before Judge Sabrina Johnson.

"The alleged facts in this case, including the deliberate shooting that killed an infant and injured a young girl, are among the most heinous that I have ever seen," said Prosecutor Worthy.

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Steven Utash case – Today, Judge James Callahan sentenced defendant James Davis to five years probation, with the first year in the Wayne County Jail. WCPO will be appealing the judge's sentence because it was under the defendant's guidelines of 19 to 38 months. Co-defendant Latrez Cummings' sentence date was postponed until Thursday, July 17, 2014.

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Dearborn Man Charged with Second Degree Murder in Death of Soccer Referee

Today Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has amended charges for Bassel Abdul-Amir Saad, 36 (DOB: 2/28/78) of Dearborn, in connection with the death of 44-year-old soccer referee John Bieniewicz of Westland. On June 29, 2014 at approximately 11:59 a.m. at Mies Park, located at 32305 West Chicago in Livonia, Saad was participating in an adult soccer game when the referee determined he would automatically eject Saad from the game. It is alleged that Saad became upset and punched the referee in the head. Mr. Bieniewicz was immediately transported to a local hospital for treatment, however died as a result of his injuries.

Saad was originally charged with Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm and was arraigned on June 30, 2014 in 16th District Court in Livonia. Since the death of the victim, Saad is being held on a one million dollar cash/surety bond. As a result of the death of Mr. Bieniewicz, the Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm charge was dismissed and the charge has been amended to Second Degree Murder.

“The entire soccer world mourns with the family upon the death of John Bieniewicz. This is especially tragic because it happened as the World Cup dominates our television screens,” said Prosecutor Worthy. “The alleged actions of this defendant cannot be tolerated and there must be action taken in our legislature to make sure that there are stronger penalties when a Referee is the victim during organized sport.”

Saad was arraigned today on the amended charge and remains in jail. His preliminary examination is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. before Judge Sean P. Kavanagh in the 16th District Court in Livonia.

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