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Wafer Sentenced in Renisha McBride Homicide

On November 15, 2013 Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Theodore Paul Wafer, 54, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan in connection with the murder of Renisha McBride, 19, of Detroit. On November 2, 2013, at approximately 12:57 a.m., Renisha McBride was driving a white Ford sedan when she struck a parked car in the in the 7200 block of Bramell. McBride was observed to have blood on her body and appeared to be disoriented when she left the scene on foot.

At approximately 4:42 a.m., the police received a 911 call and were dispatched to a home in the 16800 block of West Outer Drive to respond to a fatal shooting. The police responded to the scene and observed the lifeless body of Ms. McBride in the front porch area of the defendant's house. McBride was found with a large gunshot wound to her face. It is alleged that Ms. McBride was unarmed when she was shot by the defendant as she knocked on the front screen door of the house. There were no signs of forced entry at the location.

Wafer was charged and convicted by a jury of Second Degree Murder, which carries a penalty of any term of years up to Life in prison; Manslaughter – Death By Weapon Aimed With Intent But Without Malice, which carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison and Felony Firearm, which carries a penalty of two years mandatory consecutive. Today Judge Dana Hathaway sentenced Wafer to 15 to 30 years on the Second Degree Murder charge, 7 to 15 years on the Manslaughter charge, and a mandatory two year consecutive sentence on the Felony Firearm charge.

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“This is yet another case that shows the justice system at work in Wayne County - from the police investigators, the prosecutors, the jury and judge, to the family of Renisha McBride who stoically and patiently waited for justice. We all must remember that a young woman with her future ahead of her lost her life and will gone to us forever,” said Prosecutor Worthy.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Danielle Hagaman-Clark, Terry Anderson, Patrick Muscat and Athina Siringas of the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office Homicide Unit prosecuted the case.

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