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Two Charged in Hoyt Street Fatal Arson Case

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Jebrie Cross, 28 (DOB: 7/28/87), and Mariah Thomas, 24 (DOB: 5/13/92), both of Detroit, in connection with a fatal arson fire. On December 13, 2015 at 9:43 p.m., it is alleged that Mariah Cross had an altercation with her former-boyfriend James Jordan, 23, at his home located in the 19600 block of Hoyt in Detroit. On December 14, 2015 at approximately 2:30 a.m., it is alleged that Ms. Thomas and Mr. Cross returned to the house and threw bottles containing a flammable substance at Mr. Jordan's house and set it on fire. The fire killed Mr. Jordan and Jana John, 20, of Detroit. Another 22-year-old male was in the house at the time of the fire and survived.

Defendants Cross and Thomas have each been charged with: two counts of Felony Murder, two counts of Arson and two counts of Assault with Intent to Murder. They are expected to be arraigned at 10:30 a.m. this morning in 36th District Court. Please confirm the arraignment time with the court.

Prosecutor Worthy said, "The allegations in this case are becoming all too common. Have we really come to the place where if someone rejects another person, the result is to seek revenge by burning a home with occupants in it?"

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