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NEWS UPDATES

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Evan Reed - Former Tiger baseball player accused of sexually assaulting a woman at Motor City Casino. On November 21, 2014, Judge Kenneth King dismissed the two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, which carries a 15 years maximum penalty charged against the defendant. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office appealed and prevailed. On November 25, 2014, Wayne County Circuit Court Criminal Division Judge Michael Callahan reversed and remanded the case back to 36th District Court.

The defendant did not appeal the ruling. On January 13, 2015, the case was remanded back to Judge King. Today the court set a new date of February 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. In accordance with Judge Callahan's ruling, Judge King has been ordered to bind the defendant over on the charges.

Kenyatta Jamison - Defendant charged in non-fatal shooting of a co-worker in Gratiot Central Market at Eastern Market. After a bench trial today, Judge Timothy Kenny delivered the following verdict: Assault with Intent to Murder – Not Guilty; Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm – Guilty; CCW – Guilty; Carrying with Unlawful Intent – Not Guilty and Felony Firearm – Guilty. Jamison will be sentenced on February 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Please see Statement of Kym L. Worthy about the Joseph Weekley Trial attached.

Reverend Horace Sheffield – On Tuesday, January 27, 2015, he was acquitted in a jury trial held before Judge Ruth Carter on charges of Interfering with a Crime Report and Domestic Violence.

14-year-old girl fatally shot and killed on Tuesday – WCPO has received a warrant from DPD that is currently being reviewed. When a decision has been made, a release will be sent out.

Thursday, January 29, 2015

Detroit Man Charged in Carjacking of Grandmother and Children in Detroit

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Andrew Jackson in connection with the carjacking and robbery of a woman at gun point while her grandchildren were in the car. On January 12, 2015 at approximately 1:45 p.m., near a location in the 18200 block of Evergreen, Phyllis Knox, 55, of Detroit, was cleaning snow from her car while her young grandsons were passengers. It is alleged that she was approached by Jackson and robbed at gunpoint of her personal property and her car, as well as pointing the gun at her grandsons, threatening to shoot them if they did not exit the car.

Police investigation by the A.C.T.I.O.N. Auto Theft Task Force led to the arrest Jackson on the same day, at another location. An investigation into the facts surrounding the arrest and apprehension of Jackson has been submitted to the Michigan State Police and it is ongoing.

Jackson has been charged with Carjacking, Armed Robbery, Assault with Intent To Rob While Armed, Felonious Assault, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felon In Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, Resisting and Obstructing and Felony Firearm. His arraignment date and time will be announced at a later date.

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son and three other children between the ages of five and seven were in the home without adult supervision. It is alleged that when Berrien left to pick up a pizza, the 14-year-old son got his father's rifle from the bedroom. The son and the girl were playing with the gun when it discharged, fatally striking her in the head. The police were called and a medic pronounced the girl dead at the scene.

The defendant has been charged with Involuntary Manslaughter, Child Abuse Second Degree, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Felony Firearm. 36th District Court officials have indicated that Berrien is expected to be arraigned in 36 District Court at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015.

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Prosecutors Against Gun Violence - Prosecutor Worthy will attend the recently formed national Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV) Meeting on March 23 and 24, 2015 in Miami, Florida. For more information about PAGV, please review the attached press release.

Friday, January 30, 2015

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The defendant has been charged with Involuntary Manslaughter, Child Abuse Second Degree, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Felony Firearm. Yesterday, 36th District Court officials erroneously said that Berrien would be arraigned at 10:30 a.m. today. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office recently discovered that the defendant was arraigned at 2:30 p.m. on January 29, 2015 and received a 275,000/10% bond with the condition that he cannot purchase or possess a gun. His probable cause hearing is scheduled for February 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and the preliminary examination is scheduled for February 11, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Both hearings are before Judge Shannon Holmes.

"The allegations in this case are that the defendant left children in his home with an unsecured gun and in the short time he left to get a pizza a teenage girl was fatally shot. The message simply is not getting through that children can't be in a home with an unsecured gun," said Prosecutor Worthy.

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Statement of Kym L. Worthy about the Joseph Weekley Trial

Today we personally informed the family of Aiyana Stanley–Jones that we have made a decision that we would not be going to trial for a third time in the Joseph Weekley case. It is unfortunate that Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway granted a directed verdict dismissing the felony Manslaughter charged, leaving only the misdemeanor count of Careless Discharge Causing Injury or Death. Under the law her decision cannot be appealed. On Friday, January 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., we will move to dismiss the case.

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PROSECUTORS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

****PRESS RELEASE****

September 17, 2014

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PROSECUTORS ACROSS THE U.S. ANNOUNCE NEW COALITION TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE

Chaired by Manhattan's Vance and LA's Feuer, Prosecutors Against Gun Violence to Hold First-Ever National Summit in October to Combat Gun Violence

In a groundbreaking effort to combat gun violence, 23 prosecutors representing major jurisdictions throughout the United States today announced the formation of PROSECUTORS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE, PAGV, an independent, non-partisan coalition founded and co-chaired by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. and Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, will identify and promote prosecutorial and policy solutions to the national public health and safety crisis of gun violence.

PAGV also announced that it will convene the first-ever national prosecutorial summit on gun violence prevention in Atlanta on October 21st and 22nd, focusing on best prosecutorial practices, gang violence reduction, illegal weapons trafficking, the nexus between domestic violence and gun violence, the link between mental health issues and gun violence, and other initiatives. PAGV will announce additional summit details shortly.

"For prosecutors, gun violence is not a partisan issue," said District Attorney Vance. "It's a public health and safety crisis that claims lives and destabilizes communities in every jurisdiction in America. By coming together to share intelligence and advocate for pragmatic, non-partisan solutions, law enforcement officials can achieve lasting progress on gun violence."

"Together, prosecutors across our nation can make a major impact on the gun violence afflicting our communities," said City Attorney Feuer. "Our members will draw from our colleagues' most effective strategies and join forces to advance policies that can save lives. Prosecutors have expertise and credibility that are hard to dismiss."

The growing coalition includes prosecutors from Atlanta, Boston, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Manhattan, Miami, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Portland, Queens, San Antonio, San Francisco, Seattle and Staten Island.

To stay up to date with PAGV's progress, join the mailing list at ProsecutorsAGV.org, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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