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## **NEWS UPDATES**

### **Monday, September 14, 2015**

William Melendez - Former Inkster officer charged in connection with the beating of Floyd Dent. Judge Vonda Evans moved the trial date to October 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and a final conference date of October 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Richard Wershe – Defendant who was sentenced to life in prison without parole on a drug charge in 1988 when he was 17-years-old. On Friday, September 11, 2015 the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office was granted a stay pending appeal by the Michigan Court of Appeals. The defense has until September 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to answer and WCPO has until 5 p.m. on September 25, 2015 to respond. The re-sentencing hearing that was scheduled for September 18, 2015 before Judge Dana Hathaway not take place. The proceedings are stayed until the Court of Appeals makes a decision.

Robert Bashara – Grosse Pointe Park defendant who killed his wife. His Motion for New Trial is scheduled to be argued on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Vonda Evans

Dionte Travis – Charged in the connection with the homicide of French street artist Bilal Berreni. Today the jury reached a unanimous verdict on only Count Two – Armed Robbery. On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, Visiting Judge Dalton Roberson will set a sentence date. A mistrial was declared by Judge Roberson because there was a hung jury on Count One - Felony Murder and Count Three - Felony Firearm.

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Dionte Travis – continued - There will be a pre-trial conference to set a new trial date for the Felony Murder and Felony Firearm charges before Judge Bruce Morrow on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

Eleven-year-old Juvenile Respondent, Case Number 15-52045 – Judge Frank S. Szymanski adjourned the Competency Hearing from September 16, 2015 until October 21, 2015 for the Psychiatric Clinic to review all relevant documents in the case.

**Wednesday, September 17, 2015**

Dionte Travis – Charged in the connection with the homicide of French street artist Bilal Berreni. On Monday, September 14, 2015, the jury reached a unanimous verdict on only Count Two – Armed Robbery. On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, Visiting Judge Dalton Roberson will set a sentence date. A mistrial was declared by Judge Roberson because there was a hung jury on Count One - Felony Murder and Count Three - Felony Firearm.

The pre-trial conference to set a new trial date for the Felony Murder and Felony Firearm was held today before Judge Bruce Morrow. The new trial date is November 30, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. before Judge Morrow. The sentencing date for the Armed Robbery conviction is on September 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Dalton Roberson.

**Thursday September 17, 2015**

Tiffanie Monique Edwards – Detroit woman charged in the Detroit bus fatal stabbing of Charla Williams was bound over on First Degree Murder charges today. Her arraignment on the information is scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**Friday, September 18, 2015**

Drequone Rich – Defendant who pleaded guilty on September 3, 2015 to Second Degree Murder in the homicide of French Street artist Bilal Berrini. The court adjourned his sentence date from today until October 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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