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Livonia Man Faces Multiple Charges Stemming from Traffic Stop

Today Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Joseph Frank Carlton, 23 (DOB: 12/27/92), of Livonia, with Felonious Assault, Resisting and Obstructing, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felony Firearm, Operating While Intoxicated, 2nd Offense and Driving While License Suspended.

On April 10, 2016 at 2:00 a.m. at a location of Lyndon and Farmington Road, a Livonia police officer responded to a 911 call of erratic driving. He observed Carlton driving in and out of lanes. The officer initiated a traffic stop while a second police officer in a separate car was there as back up. As the first officer approached Carlton's vehicle, it is alleged that Carlton pointed a rifle outside the driver-side window at the officer. The first officer immediately backed away from the car with the second officer near him. Carlton pointed his weapon at the first officer and both officers, fearing for their safety, fired their weapons at him. After firing their weapons, the officers ordered the defendant out of the car. Carlton was observed to have two non-life threatening gunshot wounds. The defendant was immediately placed under arrest and taken to a local hospital to be treated for his injuries.

Carlton was released from the hospital today and transported to the police station for processing and then to 16th District Court, where he was immediately arraigned. Due to the logistics of transporting the defendant from the hospital and then to court, WCPO was informed of the arraignment by the police after it took place. At this time we are attempting to get a photograph of the defendant from the Livonia Police Department.

Frank Carlton's Probable Cause Hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Sean Kavanagh. His bond is set at \$1 million cash/surety.

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JOSEPH FRANK CARLTON