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Hightower Charged in Amber Alert Homicides

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Marcus Tyrone Hightower, 34, (DOB: 08/25/1982) of Detroit, in the deaths of Heidi Walker, 39, and four-year-old Savannah Walker, both of Detroit. Hightower has been charged with two counts of First Degree Murder, and one count of the following charges: Felony Murder, Child Abuse First Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment and Third Degree Arson.

Initially, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office was informed yesterday afternoon that the arraignment would not take place until today. Although the cut off time for arraignments was over, sometime late in the afternoon the defendant had a video arraignment before Magistrate Millicent Sherman and was remanded to jail. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The probable cause conference has been scheduled for March 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.; the preliminary examination has been scheduled for March 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. Both hearings are before Judge Shannon Holmes in 36th District Court.

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