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Detroit Man Charged in Two Gas Station Robberies *Defendant Impersonated Fire Extinguisher Inspector*

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Shawn Daniel Ellesin, 45, (DOB: 02/06/1971) of Detroit, in connection with the robbery of two gas stations where he is alleged to have with impersonating a Detroit Fire Department official.

June 20, 2016 Robbery Allegations and Charges

On June 20, 2016 at approximately 8:00 a.m., it is alleged that the defendant went to a gas station located at 1 East State Fair Street in Detroit and presented himself as a fire extinguisher inspector. A clerk allowed the defendant behind the safety glass for the alleged inspection. The defendant is alleged to have picked up the firearm, put it in his pocket and left the station. The incident was captured on the station's video surveillance system.

Ellesin has been charged with Larceny of a Firearm, Larceny in a Building, Felon in Possession, Felony Firearm and Impersonating a Firefighter. He was arraigned this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. before Magistrate Bari Blake Wood in 36th District Court. The probable cause conference is scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.; the preliminary examination is scheduled for August 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Both hearings are before 36th District Court Judge Kenneth King. Ellesin received a \$50,000/10% bond.

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July 12, 2016 Robbery Allegations and Charges

On July 12, 2016 at approximately 9:00 a.m., it is alleged that the defendant went to a gas station in the 4000 block of Woodward in Detroit, presented himself to the clerk as a fire extinguisher inspector and needed access to the equipment. The clerk gave the defendant access to the equipment. It is alleged that while he was in an office, the defendant removed U.S. currency from the office and left the location. The incident was captured on video surveillance.

Ellesin has been charged with Larceny in a Building and Impersonating a Firefighter. He was arraigned this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. before Magistrate Bari Blake Wood in 36th District Court. The probable cause conference is scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.; the preliminary examination is scheduled for August 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Both hearings are before 36th District Court Judge Kenneth King. Ellesin received a \$50,000/10% bond.

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