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Three Charged in Homicide of Deontae Mitchell

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Gregory Walker, 45, (DOB: 3/22/71), Lillian Roberts, 44, (DOB: 10/9/72), and Ernest Coleman in connection with the homicide of 13-year-old Deontae Mitchell. All of the people involved in the case are Detroit residents.

On May 31, 2016, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Deontae and his cousin were in an alley at the rear of a store in the 15900 block of East Warren when they observed a male drop an unknown amount of cash on the ground. Deontae picked the cash up and he and his cousin rode away on their bicycles. Shortly thereafter, they went separate ways. It is alleged that Walker, Roberts and Coleman kidnapped Deontae at gunpoint, near the store and drove away with him in a car. It is further alleged that Walker beat the child and later choked him to death while aided and abetted by Roberts and Coleman. On June 2, 2016, the lifeless body of Deontae was found in a field on the east side of Detroit. He was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office where his death was ruled to be a homicide. The case was investigated by the Detroit Police Department, along with the Homicide Task Force and the Violent Crimes Task Force.

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On June 2, 2016, Walker and Roberts were located in Toledo, Ohio and were extradited back to Detroit this week. On Sunday, June 5, 2016, Coleman was arraigned in this case with a kidnapping charge in 34th District Court in Romulus and received a one million dollar bond.

Gregory Walker Charges

Walker has been charged with one count each of: First Degree Premeditated Murder, Felony Murder, Unlawful Imprisonment, Kidnapping, Torture, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Felony Firearm.

Lillian Roberts Charges

Roberts has been charged with one count each of: Felony Murder, Kidnapping, Torture, Unlawful Imprisonment, Felon In Possession of a Firearm, and Felony Firearm.

Ernest Coleman Charges

In addition to the kidnapping charge Coleman has been charged today with one count each of: Felony Murder, Torture, Unlawful Imprisonment, Felon In Possession of a Firearm, and Felony Firearm.

The defendants were arraigned this afternoon. The probable cause conference is scheduled for June 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.; the preliminary examination is scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. Both hearings are before Judge Shannon Holmes in 36th District Court.

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