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## **Detroit Woman Charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon In Fatal Shooting Found to be in Lawful Self-Defense**

Prosecutor Worthy has charged Dominique Davis, 30 (DOB: 12/12/85), of Detroit, with Carrying a Concealed Weapon, but will not charge her in the fatal shooting death of Melvin Johnson, 52, of Detroit. On October 11, 2016 at approximately 4:30 p.m., Davis was working as a security guard at a location in the 260 block of Merton in Detroit when she observed Johnson stealing building materials from the location and loading them into his truck. She blocked his truck in with her car and, after a heated conversation Johnson agreed she could get the stolen items from his truck. When she attempted to retrieve the items from the back of Johnson's his truck, Johnson put it in reverse and drove in the direction of Davis. Davis fired her handgun one time, wounding Johnson in his right shoulder area. Davis immediately reported the incident to the police and waited until they arrived at the scene. Medics conveyed Johnson to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Based upon a thorough review of the evidence, it has been determined that Davis acted in lawful self-defense. Under the law of self-defense, a person must have an honest and reasonable belief that the use of deadly force was necessary to prevent imminent death or imminent great bodily harm. Based upon a thorough review of the evidence in this case, it has been determined that Davis's acted in lawful self- defense.

It is alleged that, in this case, Davis did not have a permit to lawfully carry a weapon. Detroit police previously advised that Davis would be arraigned in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court today at 10:30 a.m., however she was arraigned in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Millicent Sherman. The probable cause conference is scheduled for October 20, at 8:30 a.m.; the preliminary examination is scheduled for October 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Both hearings are before Judge Shannon Holmes in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court.

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