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NEWS UPDATES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Defendant Cromer Charges Amended in Fatal Shooting of DPD Sergeant Kenneth Steil

Today Prosecutor Kym Worthy has amended charges for Marquise Cromer, 21 (DOB: 06/19/1995,) in connection with the fatal shooting of Detroit police Sergeant Kenneth Steil. On September 11, 2016 at approximately 5:00 p.m., in his home located in the 2100 block of Dickerson in Detroit, victim Sterling Cromer was eating at the dining room table. It is alleged that while he was seated, Defendant Marquise Cromer, his son, pointed and fired a shotgun, striking the victim's feet. The victim was able to exit the home and fled to a neighbor's home. It is further alleged that the defendant then pointed the shotgun at his stepmother who, after telling the defendant to stop and the defendant lowered the shotgun, was able to flee the home.

The defendant fled the home in a van and the Detroit Police Department received a 911 call that he was seen in a restaurant in the 15000 block of East Seven Mile Road. Police officers observed Cromer run from the location to a gas station at Seven Mile Road and Hayes. Sgt. Steil was pursuing Cromer came around a corner and it is alleged that Cromer shot him. Cromer continued to run, but was apprehended by the police shortly after the shooting incident. It is further alleged that the defendant was uncooperative and resisted the police when he was arrested. Sgt. Steil died in a local hospital on September 17, 2016.

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Prosecutor Worthy said, "The entire staff of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office mourn the death of Sgt. Kenneth Steil and send our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and fellow law enforcement colleagues. Today we have amended the charges against Marquis Cromer to Murder of a Peace Officer, First Degree Murder and Resisting and Obstructing Police Officer Causing Death. Make no mistake about it: the alleged actions of Defendant Cromer led to the tragic death of Sgt. Steil and we will aggressively ensure that justice is done."

Today Cromer 's charges have been amended to: one count of Murder of a Peace Officer, one count of First Degree Murder; one count of Resisting and Obstructing Police Officer Causing Death; two counts of Resisting and Obstructing a Police Officer; one count of Possession of a Short Barreled Shotgun; and Felony Firearm. Cromer is expected to be arraigned on the charges at his probable cause conference on September 20, 2016 at 8:30 am before Judge Deborah Langston in 36th District Court.

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Ikeie Ranordo Smith – Defendant charged in numerous home invasions and sexual assaults throughout Wayne County. The defendant had his probable cause conference for the Garden City case this morning. The preliminary examination for the Garden City case has been re-scheduled for October 6, 2016. Additionally, WCPO is currently reviewing a warrant request out of Inkster.

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Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Marquise Cromer – Defendant charged in the fatal shooting of DPD Sergeant and non-fatal shooting of his father. This morning WCPO has been informed that Cromer will not be arraigned this morning. He is expected to be arraigned on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. before Judge Deborah Langston in 36th District Court.

WCPO has been informed that Cromer will not be arraigned this morning. He is expected to be arraigned by video in 36th District Court at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. After the arraignment the probable cause conference will take place in Frank Murphy Hall of Justice before Judge Deborah Langston.

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Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Defendant Ikeie Smith Charged in Inkster Home Invasion and Assault

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Ikeie Ranordo Smith, 32, (DOB: 05/02/1998) of Redford Township, in connection with a home invasion and assault in Inkster. It is alleged that on August 23, 2011 at approximately 5:54 a.m., in the City of Inkster, Smith broke into the home of a woman and hit her in the face several times, and fled the scene. He has been charged with Home Invasion First Degree and Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm. Smith was arraigned today in 22nd District Court in Inkster. The PCC is scheduled for September 28, 2016, and the preliminary examination is scheduled for October 25, 2016 before Judge Sabrina Johnson. Due to scheduling conflicts with his other cases court dates are subject to change.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy said, "This is one of several warrants that we have charged on this defendant in the last two weeks. The allegations in these cases show that this defendant was a one man crime spree who victimized with impunity for a long time – until now."

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Marquise Cromer - Defendant Cromer refused to come out of his jail cell today. His presence was waived for the arraignment and he was referred for evaluations for competency and criminal responsibility. His next court date is December 15, 2016.

Dearborn Heights Multiple Homicides – WCPO has received a warrant request and it is currently being reviewed. There will be no charging decision announced today.

Friday, September 23, 2016

Prosecutor Worthy to Host First Detroit Sexual Assault Summit

*Monday, September 26, 2016 through Wednesday, September 28, 2016
at the Detroit Renaissance Center*

On Monday, September 26, 2016 through Wednesday, September 28, 2016, Prosecutor Kym Worthy will be hosting the first Detroit Sexual Assault Kit Summit at the Detroit Renaissance Center. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is proud to welcome the press to cover this unique event.

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WDIV anchor Steve Garagiola will be the emcee for the welcoming ceremony on September 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Mackinac Ballroom located on Level Five of the Renaissance Center. **Speakers for the ceremony are: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, Mayor of Detroit Mike Duggan, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Detroit Police Chief James Craig and FBI ASAC Ray Johnson.**

Over 290 prosecutors, victim advocates, police officials and forensic and behavioral scientists from across the country will be participating in the three day Summit. The event will feature victim-centered approaches to handling sexual assault cases, focusing on offender behavior instead of victim behavior. It will also feature a multi-disciplinary approach to cold case sexual assault investigations where all team members are trained in the effects of trauma on behavior and memory. Topics include evidence-based best practices, lessons learned from communities dealing with the problem of untested rape kits and research from national experts.

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