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

Today Prosecutor Kym Worthy has amended charges for Marquise Cromer, 25 (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.

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

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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."

Yesterday Cromer's charges were 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; Felony Firearm.

On September 20 and 21, 2016, Defendant Cromer refused to come out of his jail cell today and he was arraigned on the amended charges in absentia in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court by Magistrate Charles Anderson. Today he had his probable cause hearing before Judge Deborah Lewis Langston; he was referred for evaluations for competency and criminal responsibility. His next court date is December 15, 2016.

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