



**KYM L. WORTHY**  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF WAYNE  
**OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

1200 FRANK MURPHY HALL OF JUSTICE  
1441 ST. ANTOINE STREET  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226-2302  
TEL: (313) 224-5777  
FAX: (313) 224-0974

News Release  
June 25, 2004

Contact: Maria Miller  
Wayne County Prosecutors Office  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
(313) 224-5817  
(313) 213-0457  
[mmiller@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:mmiller@co.wayne.mi.us)

## **FIREWORKS SHOOTER CHARGED**

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged 11 felony counts in connection with the shooting of 9 people in Detroit's Hart Plaza during the annual Freedom Festival fireworks held on June 23, 2004.

Daron Tyrese Caldwell, 32 of Detroit has been charged with: 9 counts of Assault With Intent to Murder which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison or any number of years; one count of felony firearm which carries a maximum penalty of two years; and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon with a maximum penalty of five years. Caldwell has also been charged with a Habitual Offender Second Offense that upon conviction would subject him to a sentence of one and one half times the maximum sentence on the primary offense.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy said, "We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to the concerned citizens who provided meaningful tips to the police. Community involvement and willingness to come forward is exactly what will change the culture of crime in Wayne County. I am extremely encouraged by that.

"We commend Chief Ella Bully-Cummings and the Detroit Police Department for their round-the-clock work.

"The actions of one person should not reflect upon the law abiding members of this community. We will aggressively prosecute this case. This behavior will not be tolerated in Wayne County."

The arraignment will be held at 36<sup>th</sup> District Court in Detroit at 5:15 pm today.

# # # # #