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MAN CHARGED IN DEATH OF COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy announced charges issued against Damaine Griffin, 21 of Detroit in connection with the August 8, 2005 shooting death of prominent community activist Ronald Weaver, 58 of Detroit. Mr. Griffin shot and killed Mr. Weaver during an apparent carjacking of Mr. Weaver's Mercedes Benz.

Mr. Griffin has been charged with First Degree Murder and Felony Murder that carry a penalty of life in prison with out parole. He has also been charged with: Carjacking, that carries a life penalty; Felon In Possession of a Firearm, that carries a 5 year penalty; and Felony Firearm Second Offense that carries a 5 year consecutive penalty.

"Mr. Weaver is the quintessential example of what we ask of our citizens. He was the eyes and ears of the police, a community activist and a model citizen. He was the kind of person who made the job of law enforcement easier. Words cannot express the sadness I feel in light of this tragic loss."

There will be a perp walk at 3:30 p.m. with the arraignment to follow at 36th District Court located at 421 Madison in Detroit.

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