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## **Prosecutor Announces Charges in Connection With Fatal Shooting of Detroit Police Department Officer Charles Phipps**

Today, Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy charged David Currie, Jr., 28 of Detroit in connection with the April 28, 2006 fatal shooting of off-duty Detroit Police Department Officer Charles Phipps. This is the third defendant charged. On May 5, 2006 Jason Owens Treadwell, 24 of Detroit and Brion McConnell, 55 of Detroit were charged in connection with the same crime.

Mr. Currie was charged with **Premeditated First Degree Murder**, which carries a sentence of life in prison without parole; **Felony Murder**, which carries a sentence of life in prison without parole; three counts of **Assault With Intent to Rob While Armed** which carries a sentence of up to life; **Carjacking**, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; two counts of **Armed Robbery** which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; **Assault With Intent to Murder**, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; **Felony Firearm**, which carries a mandatory two-year sentence, **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**, which carries up to a five year sentence, and, he was charged as a **3<sup>rd</sup> Habitual Offender**, which carries twice the maximum sentence on the principal offense.

Mr. Currie will be arraigned today at 5:00 p.m. at the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court located at 421 Madison in Detroit. Defendant's Treadwell and McConnell were arraigned on May 5, 2006 and their preliminary exam will be held on May 16, 2006.

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