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## **No Other Charges In Rap Club Shooting**

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy and Detroit Police Department Chief Ella Bully-Cummings announced there would be no further charges in connection with the April 11, 2006 shooting that occurred in the early morning hours at the C.C.C. nightclub located at 15304 East 8 Mile Road near Hayes in the City of Detroit. The shooting resulted in the deaths of well-known rapper Deshaun Holton AKA Proof, 32, of Detroit and Keith Bender, age 35 of Detroit.

A thorough investigation by the Detroit Police Department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has found that Mario Etheridge acted in lawful self-defense of another when he shot DeShaun Holton.

Mario Etheridge, 28, of Detroit is currently facing charges of Carrying A Concealed Weapon, MCL 750.227, a felony with a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison. He has also been charged with Discharge of a Firearm in a Dwelling or Occupied Structure, MCL 750.234b, a felony with a maximum penalty of 4 years in prison. His next court date is scheduled for a final conference on June 2, 2006 before Judge Vera Massey Jones.

## **CCC CLUB SHOOTINGS**

# **TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

## **BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE CCC CLUB**

(April 10 – 11, 2006)

- Deshaun Holton AKA Proof is in the company of Reginald Moorer AKA Mud, Tony Watkins and Gerald Gadie AKA Chop at the Coliseum drinking champagne, from about 11:45 p.m. to 12:50 a.m.
- They leave the Coliseum and go to Club Rolex, continue drinking champagne, and remain there until closing, sometime after 2:00 a.m.
- They arrive at CCC Club around 2:30 a.m. Upon entry, they order more champagne.

## **INSIDE THE CCC CLUB**

(April 11, 2006)

- Proof is playing pool with an unknown person and gets into an argument.
- Unknown pool player walks away.
- Proof gets into an argument with Keith Bender at the bar.
- Mario Etheridge and Tony Watkins intervene and separate Bender and Proof.
- Proof invites Bender to fight outside, and then calls him a name.
- Bender takes a swipe at Proof and hits him in the head.
- Proof goes to the pool table, takes a gun from Moorer, and returns to the front of the bar.
- Proof jumps onto a half-wall railing and tries to jump over others

to get at Bender.

- Watkins grabs him and pulls him back.
- Etheridge pulls out his gun and waives it.
- Bender and Proof resume their confrontation.
- Etheridge fires twice into the ceiling. (The discharge of a weapon charge stems from this action)
- Proof shoots Bender in the face and continues to shoot at him as he falls.
- Etheridge immediately points his gun at Proof and fires, striking him in the head and body.
- All witnesses corroborate that the shootings occur in rapid succession.

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