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## **17 Year Old Charged in Murder For Hire Plot**

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy charged 17-year-old Candace M. Mays of Southgate in connection with a murder for hire plot directed at her father Darrell Mays, 42 of Southgate.

Ms. Mays alleged plot was uncovered on August 18, 2006, when she met an undercover Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agent to hire him to kill her father. On August 23, 2006 she met again with the ATF agent and was subsequently arrested. The Detroit Police Department and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents worked in collaboration to investigate the case and arrest the defendant.

Ms. Mays is charged with one count of Solicitation of Murder, MCL 750.157b(2), which carries a penalty of life or any term of years in prison.

"This is a very disturbing case. Allegedly the teen tried to have her father killed because she was stressed out and tired of arguing with him.

"This is Project Tide at its finest. This exemplifies the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Detroit Police and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kim Miles," Prosecutor Worthy said.

"I commend the quick action of our agents and DPD officers assigned to our Firearms Investigative Team. This is a prime example of the many different types of crime we encounter while investigating gun cases," stated Special Agent in Charge Valerie J. Goddard, head of ATF in Michigan. "Preventing crime versus reacting to it is a top priority for all law enforcement," she added.

She will be arraigned today, Friday, August 25, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, 421 Madison Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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