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## **PROSECUTOR ISSUES CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF MILT'S BBQ OWNER**

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy announced charges in connection with the murder of restaurant owner Milton Goodson, 64 of Shelby Township. On August 25, 2006 at approximately 10:07 p.m. Mr. Goodson was killed during the course of a robbery that took place at his restaurant, Milt's BBQ, located at 19143 Kelly Road in Detroit. Mr. Goodson was committed to helping youth in Detroit and had a long-standing reputation as a civic leader.

"Mr. Goodson was a community leader beloved by all. He not only owned and operated a successful business, but he spent many tireless hours trying to help others," said Prosecutor Worthy.

Today Deante Hawkins, 15 has been charged with Felony Murder and First Degree Premeditated Murder. Both charges carry a mandatory life sentence. He has also been charged with Assault with Intent to Rob While Armed, which carries a maximum penalty of Life or any term of years, and Felony Firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of 2 years in prison. His video arraignment is expected this morning at 36<sup>th</sup> District Court.

On Saturday, October 28, 2006 Jeffery Gaskins, 18 of Detroit, was arraigned in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court on charges of Felony Murder and First Degree Premeditated Murder. Both charges carry a mandatory life sentence. His preliminary examination will be held on November 8, 2006 at 36<sup>th</sup> District Court.

