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CHARGES ISSUED IN GAS STATION SHOOTING

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy issued charges against Hassan Masbouth, 51 of Warren in connection with the November 16, 2007 homicide of Jawad Bazzi, 46 of Dearborn that occurred at 10:30 a.m. at 7960 Fort Street in Detroit. The homicide allegedly occurred as the result of an ongoing price war between two rival gas stations located on Fort Street.

Mr. Masbouth has been charged with Open Murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. He has also been charged with Felony Firearm, which carries a mandatory penalty of two years.

"Open Murder is the fairest way to proceed," said Prosecutor Worthy. "There is no statutory requirement that mandates us to elect between the charges of Murder One or Murder Two. We will leave the ultimate decision to the fact finders when we go to trial in this complex case."

The arraignment will take place at 36th District Court, 421 Madison Avenue at 5:30 p.m.

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