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## **FIVE CHARGED IN MANSFIELD STREET HOMICIDES**

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Sonya O'Neal, 38, Deandre Witherspoon, 23, Torrisandois Lyons, 42, Robert Reed, 36 and Charles Moore, 38 all of Detroit in connection with the February 23, 2007 murders of two Detroit youths that occurred around 10:30 p.m. in a house in the 6500 block of Mansfield. Orlando Herron, 13 and Darren Johnson, 12 both died from gunshot wounds to the head. A third victim, a 23-year-old Detroit man was discovered in the house. He was shot multiple times but survived. He is currently in the hospital in serious condition.

In addition, there were three other victims who were assaulted in the Mansfield house. It is alleged that drugs and money may have been the motive for the shootings.

### **Sonya O'Neal**

Sonya O'Neal has been charged with two counts of Felony Murder and two counts of Premeditated Murder which each carry mandatory penalties of life in prison without parole. She has also been charged with Kidnapping which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; two counts of Assault With Intent to Rob Armed, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison; Assault With Intent to Murder which carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison; two counts of Robbery Armed which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; and Conspiracy to Commit Felony Murder which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. She has been charged with Felony Firearm, which carries a mandatory

two-year prison sentence; Felon in Possession, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and as a Habitual 2<sup>nd</sup> Offender, which upon conviction would subject her to a sentence of one and one half times the maximum sentence on the primary offense.

### **Deandre Witherspoon**

Deandre Witherspoon has been charged with two counts of Felony Murder and two counts of Premeditated Murder which each carry mandatory penalties of life in prison without parole. He has also been charged with Kidnapping which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; two counts of Assault With Intent to Rob Armed, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison; Assault With Intent to Murder which carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison; two counts of Robbery Armed which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; and Conspiracy to Commit Felony Murder which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. He has been charged as a Habitual 3<sup>rd</sup> Offender, which upon conviction would subject him to a sentence of two times the maximum sentence on the primary offense.

### **Torrisandois Leroy Lyons**

Torrisandois Leroy Lyons has been charged with two counts of Felony Murder and two counts of Premeditated Murder which each carry mandatory penalties of life in prison without parole. He has also been charged with Kidnapping which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; two counts of Assault With Intent to Rob Armed, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison; Assault With Intent to Murder which carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison; two counts of Robbery Armed which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; and Conspiracy to Commit Felony Murder which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. He has been charged with Felony Firearm, which carries a mandatory two-year prison sentence; Felon in Possession, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and as a Habitual 4<sup>th</sup> Offender, which upon conviction would subject him to a sentence of any term of years up to life in prison.

### **Robert Reed**

Robert Reed has been charged with two counts of Felony Murder and two counts of Premeditated Murder which each carry mandatory penalties of life in prison without parole. He has also been charged with Kidnapping which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; two counts of Assault With Intent to Rob Armed, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison; Assault With Intent to Murder which carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison; two counts of Robbery Armed which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; and Conspiracy to Commit Felony Murder which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. He has been charged with Felony Firearm, which carries a mandatory

two-year prison sentence; Felon in Possession, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and as a Habitual 3rd Offender, which upon conviction would subject him to a sentence of two times the maximum sentence on the primary offense.

### **Charles Moore**

Charles Moore has been charged with two counts of Felony Murder and two counts of Premeditated Murder which each carry mandatory penalties of life in prison without parole. He has also been charged with Kidnapping which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; two counts of Assault With Intent to Rob Armed, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison; Assault With Intent to Murder which carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison; two counts of Robbery Armed which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; and Conspiracy to Commit Felony Murder which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. He has been charged with Felony Firearm, which carries a mandatory two-year prison sentence; Felon in Possession, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and as a Habitual 4th Offender, which upon conviction would subject him to a sentence of any term of years up to life in prison.

“Two children were killed by being shot in the head. The enormity of this senseless crime is incomprehensible,” said Prosecutor Worthy. “The Detroit Police are to be commended on their round the clock work to find the people who committed these vicious acts.”

The arraignment will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at the 36<sup>th</sup> District located at 421 Madison Avenue in the City of Detroit. Please contact Second Deputy Chief James Tate of the Detroit Police Department for arraignment information.

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