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HARBIN FOUND GUILTY IN LINWOOD STREET MURDERS

Today, Contrelle Ardell Harbin, 26, of Detroit was found guilty as charged in connection with the November 16, 2006 shooting rampage that killed two people and injured three others in the area of Blaine and Linwood in the City of Detroit. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Athina Siringas prosecuted the case before Wayne County Third Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway.

The defendant approached Ms. Ophelia Fry, 58 of Detroit, who sat in her car in front of the Angel Day Care when she was and fatally shot and killed. The defendant then approached the vehicle occupied by Mr. Elton Ash, 51 of Detroit and fired at Mr. Ash, striking him in the elbow. The defendant proceeded north on Linwood, encountered Mr. Arthur Smith, 50 of Detroit, and fatally shot him. The defendant arrived at the 2000 block of Taylor where he shot Mr. Dennis Anderson, 48 of Detroit in the foot and Mr. James Brown, 50 of Detroit in his right side.

Mr. Harbin was convicted of two counts of First Degree Premeditated Murder that carry mandatory sentences of life in prison. He was also convicted of three counts of Assault With Intent to Commit Murder, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison or any number of years; Felon in Possession of a Firearm which carries a maximum five year sentence; and Felony Firearm which has a mandatory two year sentence. Mr. Harbin will be sentenced on Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

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