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PROSECUTOR CHARGES DETROIT MAN WITH MURDER

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy charged Brandon David Harris, 24 of Detroit in connection with the May 6, 2007 murder of Bernard Cheaton, 39 of Detroit. The homicide occurred at 3:30 p.m. in the backyard of a location in the 19000 block of Oakfield in Detroit. The victim was cutting the grass when Mr. Harris allegedly fired a handgun approximately eight times. Mr. Cheaton was transported to Sinai-Grace Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. Harris has been charged with First Degree Murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison; Felon in Possession of a Firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison; Felony Firearm, which carries a mandatory two years in prison, and, as a Habitual Third Offender, which upon conviction would subject him to a sentence of two times the maximum sentence on the primary offense.

The arraignment will take place today at 1:30 p.m. in the 36th District located at 421 Madison Avenue in the City of Detroit.

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