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COBB WARRANT REQUEST DENIED

Smothers and Black Charged with the Murder of Rose Cobb

On April 20, 2008 the Detroit Police Department presented the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with a warrant request for Sgt. David Cobb, 38 of Detroit in connection with the December 26, 2007 murder of his wife Rose Cobb, 47 that occurred at a CVS drugstore located in the 12000 block of Jefferson in Detroit. The warrant request has been denied because it lacked sufficient evidence to charge him.

Today, Vincent Smothers, 27 and Marzell Shawn Black, 20 of Detroit have been charged with the murder of Ms. Cobb. They have been charged with First Degree Murder, which carries a maximum penalty of mandatory life in prison. Mr. Smothers has been charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, which carries a penalty of five years in prison, and Felony Firearm, which carries a mandatory two-year sentence. Mr. Black has been charged with Solicitation of Murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

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“The only evidence that was presented to us that connects Sgt. Cobb with this murder are the statements of Defendants Smothers and Black. Under the law Smothers and Black cannot be compelled to testify; there is no admissible evidence upon which to charge him at this time,” said Prosecutor Worthy. “We informed the Detroit Police Department of our decision prior to Sgt. Cobb’s release. We have also contacted the family of Mrs. Cobb and we want them to know we have not given up on this case. The police will continue to vigorously investigate this matter.”

Please contact the Detroit Police Department for arraignment information regarding Mr. Smothers and Mr. Cobb at (313) 596-2200.

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