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Announcement of Charges in Death 12-Year Old Victim

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy announced charges issued today against Deante Rashaw Young, 26, in connection with the death of a 12-year old Robert Pratt in Detroit on Sunday, April 10, 2005. The victim was shot outside his home and was pronounced dead on arrival at Grace Sinai Hospital.

Mr. Young is charged with First Degree Murder, 4 counts of Assault With Intent to Murder, Discharge of a Weapon in a Building and Felony Firearm. First Degree Murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. Assault With Intent to Murder carries a sentence of life or any number of years. Discharge of a Weapon in a Building is a four-year offense and Felony Firearm carries a mandatory two-year sentence.

Prosecutor Worthy said, "A 12 year old was killed taking out the garbage. A 7 year old was shot eating her dinner. How much more does it take for everyone to realize we are in a severe crisis?"

Young is currently in custody in Atlanta, Georgia. The arraignment date will be announced upon his return to Michigan.

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