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Prosecutor Worthy Holds Press Conference to Praise Joint Law Enforcement Effort to Convict Defendant Jerame Crowe

Today, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy announced that defendant Jerame Crowe was sentenced to life in prison without parole in connection with the November 22, 2002 homicides of Robert Richards and Raime Denson of Taylor. Mr. Richards was scheduled to testify in a murder case when he and his fiancée were killed. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert Moran conducted the trial for the People and Attorney Wyatt Harris represented the defendant.

Mr. Richards came forward to testify in September, 2002 because he attended a party in Hamtramck where he witnessed a homicide. He and his fiancée were killed because of Mr. Richard's powerful eyewitness testimony at the preliminary examination.

Prosecutor Worthy said, "To the people of this community who have the courage to come forward and speak the truth about violence in our neighborhoods I say: You are heroes. We stand beside you.

"And to those who would obstruct justice and intimidate witnesses, I say this: We will not be stopped. The agents that stand with me today will hunt you down and find you. You will be put in prison for the rest of your life - just like Jerame Crowe."

Assistant Prosecuting Robert Moran said, "This case took on a life of its own. This investigation involved so many obstacles, so many agencies that worked together and set aside their egos. Without this cooperative effort the case would have never been solved."

Special Agent in Charge Valerie J. Goddard of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in Michigan stated, "Our agents worked tirelessly in developing investigative leads, identifying the shooters and directing the investigation to completion. We worked shoulder-to-shoulder with Taylor homicide detectives, Hamtramck detectives and agents with DEA, and would not rest until those responsible for the cold and calculated murders were held accountable." Goddard added, "Our hope is that the conviction and today's life sentence brings some measure of relief to the Denson and Richards families."

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "I wish to commend the outstanding efforts of the Taylor Police Department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in bringing these defendants to justice. I also want to recognize the contributions of the many federal agents who dedicated countless hours to solving these murders: particularly the members of the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division."

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