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Fourth Man Charged in Connection With Fatal Shooting of Detroit Police Department Officer Charles Phipps

Today, Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy charged Elgie Grays, 25 of Detroit in connection with the April 28, 2006 fatal shooting of off-duty Detroit Police Department Officer Charles Phipps. This is the fourth defendant charged. On May 5, 2006 Jason Owens Treadwell, 24 of Detroit and Brion McConnell, 55 of Detroit were charged and on May 8, 2006 David Currie, 28 of Detroit was charged in connection with the same crime.

Mr. Grays was charged with **Premeditated First Degree Murder**, which carries a sentence of life in prison without parole; **Felony Murder**, which carries a sentence of life in prison without parole; three counts of **Assault With Intent to Rob While Armed** which carries a sentence of up to life; **Carjacking**, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; two counts of **Armed Robbery** which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; **Assault With Intent to Murder**, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; **Felony Firearm**, which carries a mandatory two-year sentence, **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**, which carries up to a five year sentence, and, he was charged as a **4th Habitual Offender**, which carries a life sentence.

Prosecutor Worthy said, "Mr. Grays is the final piece of the puzzle in the violent, senseless killing and robbery spree that occurred on April 28, 2006. It is tragic that we lost Police Officer Phipps and that four other innocent citizens were terrorized by these individuals.

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“This arrest and charging of the defendants in this case is in large part due to the dogged efforts of my office, the Detroit Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.”

Arraignment information will be provided on May 12, 2006.

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