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NEWS UPDATES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Nicholas Spirdione – Taylor defendant charged in connection with the child abuse and torture of his six-month-old son. The May 23, 2014 preliminary examination date was adjourned because the defendant has been referred for competency. A new date has not been scheduled by the court.

Javon Watson – Defendant charged in the Easter Sunday purse snatching of a senior woman. Today Watson pleaded guilty to Larceny from a Person with a sentence agreement of four to 10 years in prison. Sentencing is on June 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Richard Slavens.

Kadia Konate-Dennard - Worker charged with the alleged beating of a vulnerable adult woman in a group home on Strathmoor in Detroit. Kanote-Dennard has been charged with one count of vulnerable adult abuse, two counts of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm and two counts of felonious assault. She was arraigned on Sunday, May 18, 2014 and received a \$200,000 bond and the preliminary examination is scheduled for May 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Ruth Carter.

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Tiger Baseball Player Sexual Assault Warrant Request – The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has received a warrant request for a 28-year-old Tiger baseball player* alleging a sexual assault involving a woman that occurred on March 30, 2014 at the Motor City Casino Hotel. A thorough review of all of the evidence must be conducted before a decision can be made. A charging

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decision is not expected this week. No further information about the case will be released until a charging decision is made.

*The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office routinely does not release the name of an uncharged suspect.

Man Charged in Detroit Homicide on East Warren Street

Dequanta Jovan Hudson, 28 (DOB 6/24/85) of Detroit, has been charged by Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy in connection with the homicide of Allen Gerry Shackelford, Jr. 32, also of Detroit. On May 17, 2014 at a location in the area of 9900 East Warren, it is alleged that Hudson fatally shot Shackelford at approximately 9:25 p.m. and fled the location. The defendant and the victim reportedly had a verbal confrontation an hour before the shooting occurred. Police investigation led to the arrest of the defendant. Further details of the case will be introduced into evidence at the preliminary examination.

Hudson has been charged with First Degree Murder, Felon in Possession, and Felony Firearm. He is expected to be arraigned this morning in 36th District Court. Please confirm the time of arraignment with the court.

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Hudson has been charged with First Degree Murder, Felon in Possession, and Felony Firearm. He is expected to be arraigned this morning in 36th District Court. His preliminary examination date is June 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Michael Wagner.

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