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NEWS UPDATES

Monday, October 6, 2014

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On October 3, 2014 WCPO has filed an Application for Leave to File Emergency Interlocutory Appeal with the Michigan Court of Appeals. Late on October 3, 2014 the Michigan Court of Appeals (MCA) ordered that the WCPO leave to appeal would be held in abeyance pending the Court's review of the pleading. The MCA also entered a stay of the jury trial proceedings pending a resolution of the appeal or further order of the court. Those interested in receiving a copy of the WCPO pleading will need to contact the Michigan Court of Appeals.

*Weekley's name is misspelled in the Third Circuit Court computer as Weekly.

Today the Michigan Court of Appeals denied WCPO's application for leave to appeal. See Order attached. Today WCPO will be filing an Emergency Motion for Reconsideration with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

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Today the Michigan Court of Appeals denied WCPO's application for leave to appeal. WCPO has filed its Emergency Motion for Reconsideration with the Michigan Court of Appeals. See attachment.

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Romulus Police Corruption Case – Today Defendant Richard Balzer, pleaded no contest to One Count of Embezzlement by a Public Official and Misconduct in Office; all other counts were dismissed in return for the plea. Donald Hopkins and Richard Landry pleaded no contest to one count of Embezzlement by a Public Official, all other counts were dismissed in return for the plea. Balzer, Hopkins and Landry will have their restitution determined and will lose their certification to be employed as police officers. All three defendants will be sentenced on October 29, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Michael Hathaway.

See the Weekly Case Updates on page 37 for information regarding information for former Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre, who is scheduled to be sentenced on October 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Michael Hathaway.

Jayru Campbell – Cass Tech High football player accused of assaulting his girlfriend. His preliminary examination will resume before Judge Ruth Carter tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. There are no court appearances for him today.

Jayru Campbell – **Change of date**. Cass Tech High football player accused of assaulting his girlfriend. His preliminary examination will resume before Judge Ruth Carter resume on Monday October 20th at 1:30 pm. It was adjourned at the request of defense attorney Jeffrey Edison.

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Father Timothy Kane – Detroit Catholic priest convicted by a jury as charged of: Continuing Criminal Enterprise, Using a Computer to Commit a Crime, Uttering and Publishing, Conspiring to Commit Uttering and Publishing, Embezzlement from a Charitable Institution, and Conspiracy to Embezzle from a Charitable Institution for taking money from an Archdiocese of Detroit charity fund created to assist people in need. His sentence date is on December 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Bruce Morrow.

Joseph Weekley – Detroit Police Officer charged in connection with the fatal shooting death of Aiyana Stanley-Jones in her home during a DPD police raid. The jury began deliberations today on the charge of Careless Reckless Discharge of a Firearm only. They will return tomorrow to continue deliberations at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Robert Bashara – Grosse Pointe Park defendant charged with the homicide of his wife Jane Bashara. A jury has been selected in the case. Opening arguments will begin on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Vonda Evans.

Joseph Weekley – Detroit Police Officer charged in connection with the fatal shooting death of Aiyana Stanley-Jones in her home during a DPD police raid. The jury has been released for the day and will continue deliberations on the charge of Careless Reckless Discharge of a Firearm on Friday, October 10, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

Lions Laser Pointer Case – Please be advised that the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is not handling this case. Please contact the City of Detroit for information.

Friday, October 10, 2014

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Joseph Weekley – Detroit Police Officer charged in connection with the fatal shooting death of Aiyana Stanley-Jones in her home during a DPD police raid. Judge Hathaway declared a mistrial due to a hung jury on the charge of Careless Reckless Discharge. The court has set the date of November 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to return to court. The decision regarding how the prosecution will proceed will be placed on the record at the next court date.

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