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Adult Designated Juvenile Charged in Armed Robbery on Campus of Wayne State University

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged a 16-year-old juvenile male, of Detroit, in connection with the armed robbery and assault of an 18-year-old man, also of Detroit. The juvenile respondent is not being charged as an adult defendant; he has been adult designated. This means that upon conviction an adult designation allows the judge to have the option of sentencing the respondent as a juvenile, or as an adult, or to fashion a blended juvenile sentence with the option of imposing an adult sentence if the juvenile is not rehabilitated.

On January 27, 2026, at approximately 8:15 p.m., at an apartment building located in the 600 block of Williams Mall, on the campus of Wayne State University, in Detroit, it is alleged that the juvenile physically assaulted the victim. It is further alleged that the juvenile produced and fired a handgun, and robbed the victim of his necklace, before fleeing the scene. Investigation by the Wayne State University Police led to the arrest of the juvenile on February 26, 2026.

The juvenile respondent has been charged with Armed Robbery, Unlawful Imprisonment, Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, and Felonious Assault. *

The preliminary hearing was held this afternoon in the Juvenile Detention Facility before Referee Leslie Graves, and the juvenile was remanded. The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for March 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., before Judge Sheila Gibson in the Lincoln Hall of Justice.

*The charges are allegations and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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