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Charges Filed in Fatal Kettering Shooting

Motion to Transfer Shooter

State v. Kylan Gregory, Malik Harris & Jerry Tanner

DAYTON, OH (10/26/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that charges have been filed against the three juveniles arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of 16-year-old Ronnie Bowers on September 4, 2016, in Kettering.

On the evening of Sunday, September 4, 2016, 16-year-old Ronnie Bowers, of Kettering, was at Alter Fest with some friends. One of the people he was with had an on-going dispute with some other teens. The two groups of teens encountered each other at Alter Fest and words were exchanged. Eventually, the victim, his friends, and the teen who had issues with the defendants were in a vehicle trying to leave when the defendants pulled up to them in their vehicle. Some, or all, of the defendants exited their vehicle and started pounding on the windows of the victim's car calling out the fourth teen for a fistfight. The victim started to drive away, and as he drove off, defendant Kylan Gregory pulled out a handgun and fired it at the back of the car. The bullet entered through the back window and struck Bowers in the back of the head. The vehicle then crashed into a nearby yard in the 800 block of Willowdale Avenue.

On September 6, 2016, the victim died as a result of his injuries.

After an extensive investigation, it was determined there was no evidence that the juveniles who were with defendant Kylan Gregory had any intention to escalate this altercation beyond a fistfight.

Today, based upon the Kettering Police Department investigation and evidence, we are filing charges on the juveniles:

- Jerry Tanner: two counts of Tampering With Evidence; one count of Assault; one count of Aggravated Menacing
- Malik Harris: two counts of Tampering With Evidence; one count of Assault; one count of Aggravated Menacing
- Kylan Gregory: two counts of Murder; two counts of Felonious Assault; one count of Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises; one count of Grand Theft of a Firearm

We will be asking that defendant Gregory be transferred to be tried as an adult. His case will be set for a probable cause hearing in Juvenile Court. Upon a finding of probable cause, the transfer to adult court is mandatory. His case would then proceed to the grand jury seeking an indictment. Co-defendants Tanner and Harris will be held accountable for their involvement in the Juvenile Court.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This was a sad and tragic event. Ronnie Bowers was a well liked 16-year-old student at Fairmont High School and was a completely innocent bystander who was fatally shot by the defendant. Defendant Kylan Gregory should never have had a gun and should have never fired a shot. Here we are, once again, with families left trying to understand why or make any sense out of this tragedy."

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