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Juvenile Being Tried as Adult Indicted for Murder of Lyft Driver

State v. Da'Trayvon Mitchell, 2022-CR-3480

DAYTON, OH (12/22/2022) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **DA'TRAYVON MITCHELL**, 15, of Dayton, has been indicted on counts related to the robbery and shooting death of a Lyft driver, and for the robbery of another Lyft driver on January 26, 2022.

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, January 26, 2022, a Lyft driver reported to Dayton police that she had been robbed at gunpoint and her car, phone, and other items were taken. The victim reported that four males had entered her car on the way to 53 Cambridge Avenue. When they were on St. Agnes Street, the males asked her to stop the vehicle. Two of the males pulled out firearms and forced her out of the vehicle before fleeing in the victim's car. Dayton police located the vehicle inside a garage on Anna Street.

While the officers were taking the report from the robbery victim, Dayton's ShotSpotter System detected gunfire in the area of West Grand Avenue at Ferguson Avenue. About the same time, Dayton police officers were dispatched on a report of a car crash in the 1000 block of Ferguson Avenue. When the officers arrived, they located the crashed vehicle with a deceased male inside, later identified as 35-year-old Brandon Cooper, of Beavercreek. The victim had been fatally shot in the back. Officers also located two spent 9mm casings at the intersection of West Grand and Ferguson Avenues. The shooting victim's cellphone showed that he was also a Lyft driver, and was also on the way to 53 Cambridge Avenue, a short distance away from where he was shot.

Investigators surrounded the house on Anna Street and three people exited the home. The SWAT Team was deployed to get the other occupants to exit the residence. Eventually, four juveniles were identified as having been involved with the robbery and the fatal shooting.

On February 24, 2022, amended complaints and motions to transfer to adult court were filed on two of the defendants. On December 7, 2022, the court granted our motion on defendant Mitchell.

Today, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted for defendant for:

- Four counts of Murder
- Three counts of Aggravated Robbery
- Three counts of Felonious Assault
- One count of Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises
- Two counts of Tampering with Evidence
- One count of Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle

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The counts of murder, aggravated robbery, felonious assault, and discharge of a firearm on or near prohibited premises include 3-year firearm specifications. One of the tampering with evidence counts includes a 1-year firearm specification.

Prosecutor Heck added, “We have recently seen an increase in extremely violent crimes being committed by juveniles. That has to stop. We will hold these violent offenders responsible to the fullest extent of the law.”

The defendant has remained in custody in the Juvenile Justice Center since his arrest. He will be arraigned on December 29, 2022 at 8:30 am.

The other juvenile, Tylan Peaks, is scheduled for an amenability hearing on January 5, 2023.

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