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**NOTE:** These represent only a few of the many cases which the Office of Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney is handling. If you have any comments, or need further information concerning these or any other matters please do not hesitate to call. An indictment is only an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until or unless found guilty. **The enclosed court actions are subject to change.**

According to the Rules of Criminal Procedure (RCr 3.02, 3.05, and 8.01), the arraignment of individuals whose case has been submitted directly to the grand jury shall take place within a reasonable time after the return of an indictment. If you are interested in a case that has been submitted directly to the grand jury, then please contact the court division in which it has been assigned to obtain the time and date of the arraignment.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (Past week)**

**Wathaniel L. Woods - 17CR0935** (Murder, Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon, Assault in the Second Degree, Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree, Trafficking in a Controlled Substance in the First Degree Schedule II Cocaine less than Four Grams while in Possession of a Firearm, Fleeing or Evading Police in the First Degree (Motor Vehicle), Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Intoxicants, Operation of a Motor Vehicle by a Person Whose Operator's License has been Revoked, Suspended, Cancelled or Denied, Disregarding Official Traffic Control Device and Persistent Felony Offender in the First Degree) **17CR2707** (Assault in the First Degree)

- Woods (DOB 03/15/80) entered a plea today in Division One of Jefferson Circuit Court to Murder, Possession of a Handgun by Convicted Felon, Assault in the Second Degree (two counts), Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree, Trafficking in a Controlled Substance in the First Degree Schedule II Cocaine less than Four Grams while in Possession of a Firearm, Fleeing or Evading Police in the First Degree (Motor Vehicle), Operating a Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Intoxicants, Operation of a Motor Vehicle by a Person Whose Operator's License has been Revoked, Suspended, Cancelled or Denied, Disregarding Official Traffic Control Device (with all of the felonies other than Murder being enhanced by

the Persistent Felony Offender in the First Degree status of Woods) and was given a total sentence of thirty-five (35) years. Woods had been indicted by a Jefferson County Grand Jury on April 4, 2017 on charges relating to the chain of events occurring on March 28, 2017 which began with the defendant striking the mother of his child with a gun and his flight from responding police officers and culminated with the defendant first striking pedestrian Douglas Morton and soon thereafter striking the police cruiser being driven by LMPD Officer Nick Rodman. Morton survived serious physical injuries sustained when struck while Officer Rodman died as a result of the injuries he sustained in the collision. Elizabeth Jones Brown and Justin Janes were the prosecutors.

**James M. Spalding - 16CR0358** (Murder, Criminal Attempt Murder, Robbery in the First Degree, Burglary in the First Degree, Criminal Attempt Burglary in the First Degree, Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree (four counts), Tampering with Physical Evidence, Fleeing or Evading Police in the First Degree, Assault in the Third Degree and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree)orpse, Persistent Felony Offender in the First Degree)

- Spalding (DOB 06/16/83) was convicted today by a Jefferson County Jury following a trial which began on April 24, 2018 in Division Six of Jefferson Circuit Court. Spalding was found guilty of Wanton Murder, four counts of Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree and Fleeing or Evading Police in the First Degree. Spalding had been indicted on February 10, 2016 by a Jefferson County Grand Jury on charges connected with the February 4, 2016 shooting death of Denny Davis at the Stop-n-Go convenience store located at 427 Warnock Street. Stacy Greive and Danielle Yannelli were the prosecutors.

### **ARRAIGNMENTS**

**Isiah Maffett, Ariel Mayan, Jordan Smith, Kalondria Stovall – 18CR1233** (Assault in the First Degree (Complicity) [All], Possession of a Handgun by Convicted Felon [Mayan & Smith], Receiving Stolen Firearm [Maffett, Mayan, & Smith], Unlawful Transaction with a Minor in the Second Degree (2 counts) [Mayan, Smith, Stovall])

- Mr. Maffett (DOB 04/25/00), Mr. Mayan (DOB 12/4/97), Mr. Smith (DOB 4/26/98) and Ms. Stovall (DOB 2/4/99) are charged with the April 13, 2018 shooting at 4806 Saddle Brook Lane. Mr. Mayan and Ms. Stovall were arraigned on April 24, 2018. Mr. Maffett and Mr. Smith are scheduled for Arraignment on April 30, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in Division Seven of Jefferson Circuit Court. Jennifer Murzyn Yancey is the prosecutor.

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