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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

Kenneth Austin, Gerad Carter, Christopher Champion, Philip Jackson -17CR0315 & 17CR0346 (Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Robbery in the First Degree, Possession of a Hangan by a Convicted Felon, Tampering with Physical Evidence)

- Mr. Austin (DOB 10/11/88), Mr. Carter (DOB 10/14/90), Mr. Champion (DOB 05/31/95), and Mr. Jackson (DOB 04/09/91) were charged with the January 30, 2017, killing of John Grover at his home at 1534 Wilson Avenue as well as the robbery of Mr. Grover's friend. The investigation revealed that these four individuals had traveled to Jefferson

County to accompany Mr. Carter to a court date. On the way out of town, wanting some marijuana for the road, they were directed by a mutual friend to Mr. Grover's house. During the course of the transaction, which by all accounts was going well and included sampling of the wares and the playing of video games, Mr. Carter turned the situation into a robbery. In the ensuing struggle between Mr. Carter, Mr. Austin, Mr. Grover, and Mr. Johnson, Mr. Austin shot Mr. Grover. The defendants fled from the house back to Chicago. Mr. Grover died from his wounds. In late 2017, Mr. Champion pled guilty to facilitation to robbery, entered an agreement with the Commonwealth to testify at trial, and was released from custody. On Friday, October 5th, Mr. Austin pled guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree, Robbery in the Second Degree, Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon, and Tampering with Physical Evidence and was sentenced to twenty years in prison. Mr. Carter pled guilty to Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Robbery, and Tampering with Physical Evidence and was sentenced to fifteen years in prison (which will run consecutively to the two year sentence he received in the original case that brought this group to Louisville that day, making his total seventeen years). Mr. Jackson pled guilty to a misdemeanor and was released. This occurred in Division 13 of the Jefferson Circuit Court. Elizabeth Jones Brown was the prosecutor.

PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

Demond Malone – 18CR2650 (Facilitation to Murder, Facilitation to Robbery in the First Degree, Receiving Stolen Property over \$10,000, Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree, Possession of a Handgun by a Minor)

- Mr. Malone (DOB 04/06/02) is charged in connection with the robbery and murder of Jason Spencer on November 5, 2017 in the 1200 block of Everett Avenue. The defendant was 15 years old at the time of the incident. Two of his co-defendants, Travon Curry and Thaddius Thomas, have already been indicted and are currently pending in case number 18CR0059. The defendant is scheduled to enter a plea agreement and be sentenced on October 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Division 1 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Emily Lantz is the prosecutor.

Quincy Blackmon – 18CR1278 (Criminal Attempt Murder, Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree)

- Mr. Blackmon (DOB 01/06/91) is charged with the attempted Murder of his former girlfriend. On August 10, 2017, just days before the victim was expected to give birth to the defendant's child, the two got into a verbal argument that turned physical. The defendant strangled the victim multiple times in an attempt to kill her and refused to allow her to leave his home. The victim, 9 months pregnant at the time, was able to get away from the defendant and leave his home after being confined there for hours. A pretrial conference is scheduled for October 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Division 2 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Madison Shoffner is the prosecutor.

TRIALS

Bradley Hanlon – 15CR3173 (Murder)

- Mr. Hanlon (DOB 09/05/84) is charged with the murder of 21 month-old H.F. The defendant is the live-in boyfriend of the victim's mother. H.F. was taken to the hospital on September 25, 2015 and ultimately died of injuries consistent with abusive head trauma, physical abuse, and medical neglect. H.F. was in the exclusive custody of Mr. Hanlon in the hours leading to her injuries and ultimate death. A Jury Trial is scheduled to begin on October 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Division 13 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Chris Foster and Dani Yannelli are the prosecutors.

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