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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

David Wayne Smith - 16CR2516 (Criminal Attempt to Commit Sodomy in the First Degree)

- On November 15, 2018, a jury found David Wayne Smith (DOB 12/30/70) guilty of Criminal Attempt to Commit Sodomy in the First Degree. The offense occurred on July 21, 2016, when the defendant sexually assaulted an unconscious woman in the park at Fifth Street and Muhammad Ali. The defendant was sentenced to 7 years for this offense. Although the victim passed away prior to the trial, there were bystanders who

intervened to stop the assault, and their willingness to cooperate with the investigation made it possible to prosecute this case. Kristi Gray was the prosecutor.

Sylvester Parker – 17CR2517 (Trafficking in a Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine in the First Degree [over 2 Grams], Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon)

- Mr. Parker (DOB 09/02/58) was found guilty by a jury of Trafficking Methamphetamine, Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree, and Tampering with Physical Evidence. On June 20, 2017, Mr. Parker pointed a loaded handgun at his former girlfriend, later disposing of the gun. When he was encountered by police, he was found to be in possession of drugs and materials indicating he was trafficking Methamphetamine. After being convicted of these offenses, the defendant pleaded guilty to the remaining charge of Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon. Final sentencing is scheduled for January 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Division 10 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Andrew Miller is the prosecutor.

Alejandro Gonzalez – 17CR0785 (Fraudulent Insurance Acts over \$500, Theft by Deception over \$500, Fraudulent Insurance Acts under \$500, and Theft by Deception under \$500)

- Mr. Gonzalez (DOB 04/02/71) fraudulently represented himself as an insurance agent for Safe Auto and Titan Insurance Company to members of the Louisville Hispanic community who spoke limited English. Mr. Gonzalez accepted cash from the victims to purchase multiple months of automobile insurance on their behalf, paid for one month of coverage and kept the rest of the money, over \$12,000, for personal use. The victims received an insurance card but did not know their coverage expired after only one month because Mr. Gonzalez never informed the victims. Mr. Gonzalez pled guilty on March 27, 2018 in Jefferson County Circuit Court Division 10 and the fine of \$12,367.59 was assessed on October 30, 2018. The fine will be used by the Kentucky Department of Insurance to establish an education program within the Louisville Hispanic community in order to help prevent similar schemes from happening. Peter Lovett is the prosecutor and Tra'sean James from the Kentucky Department of Insurance is the lead investigator.

John McLeaney - 15CR3211, 16CR1063, 17CR0651 (Robbery in the First Degree [2 Counts], Kidnapping, Burglary in the First Degree, Impersonating a Peace Officer, Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree, Intimidating a Participant in the Legal Process, Tampering With Physical Evidence, Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree, Promoting Contraband in the First Degree [2 Counts], Attempted Escape [3 Counts], Criminal Mischief in the First Degree)

- Mr. McLeaney (DOB 10/11/69) entered a plea on November 6, 2018 to the above charges. The initial indictment occurred as a result of offenses occurring on November 9, 2015, and November 28, 2015. The defendant was sentenced to a total of 34 years in prison. Kristi Gray is the prosecutor.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Christopher Matlock & Carolyn Peyton- 18CR3436 (Robbery in the First Degree [Complicity])

- Mr. Matlock (DOB 12/06/88) and Miss. Peyton (DOB 06/29/77) are charged in complicity for the Robbery of a ginseng dealer. The pair, along with an unknown codefendant, tricked the victim into meeting with them to sell ginseng. At the rendezvous location, the trio attacked the victim with a crowbar and stole his van with its contents of 127 pounds of ginseng and \$40,000. Mr. Matlock and Miss. Peyton were arrested in Tennessee on November 17, 2018. At the time of their arrest, they were in possession of over 50 pounds of the merchandise. The defendants are currently awaiting extradition. Arraignment will be scheduled in Division 4 of Jefferson Circuit Court when the pair is transported to Jefferson County. Joshua F. Waldrop is the prosecutor.

PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

Sarah Mullins – 18CR2913 (Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree)

- Ms. Mullins (DOB 05/22/59) is charged with sexually assaulting her victim when she found him unconscious in a parked vehicle. A pretrial conference is scheduled for November 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Division 8 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Milja Zgonjanin is the prosecutor.

Christopher Dresing – 18CR0883 (Distribution of Matter Portraying Sexual Performance by a Minor)

- Mr. Dresing (DOB 04/02/84) is a former University of Louisville employee charged with distributing child pornography. Mr. Dresing, formerly employed in the Ekstrom Library on the University of Louisville campus, is believed to have distributed hundreds of images containing child pornography throughout the country. A pretrial conference is scheduled for November 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Division 2 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Madison Shoffner is the prosecutor.

GUILTY PLEAS

Javontay Forrest – 18CR2649 (Murder, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of a Handgun by a Minor)

- Mr. Forrest (DOB 01/08/02) is charged with the murder of Travon Yelder on July 31, 2018. The defendant, who is 16 years old, was reported to be irresponsibly handling a gun throughout the night. At the time of the incident, the victim was seated in front of the defendant playing a video game. The defendant pointed the handgun at the victim's head and shot. A plea is scheduled for November 30, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in Division 3 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Emily Lantz is the prosecutor.

TRIALS

William Mattingly– 15CR3102 (Murder, Criminal Attempt Murder, Persistent Felony Offender in the First Degree)

- Mr. Mattingly (DOB 05/09/75) is charged in connection with the November 13, 2015, strangulation death of Thomas Grismer in a hotel room at the Red Roof Inn located at 4704 Preston Highway. A trial is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 26, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in Division 9 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Stacy Greive and Chris Foster are the prosecutors.

Charles E. Brown, Deserea Fuget, Cedric Wells, Jasmine Humphrey, Antonio Williamson, Antonio Young, Scott Young - 18CR0330 (Criminal Syndication, Trafficking in a Controlled Substance Schedule I, Trafficking in a Controlled Substance Schedule II, Promoting Contraband in the First Degree, Trafficking in Synthetic Drugs, Trafficking in Marijuana, and Persistent Felony Offender [Young and Wells].)

- Mr. Brown (DOB 03/22/85), Ms. Fuget (DOB 01/11/83), Mr. Wells (DOB 08/05/83), Ms. Humphrey (DOB 09/17/88), Mr. Williamson (DOB 08/12/87), Mr. A. Young (DOB 06/08/87), Mr. S. Young (DOB 6/25/65) are charged in connection with a smuggling enterprise that was in operation around May of 2017. The criminal enterprise existed for the purpose trafficking heroin, suboxine, pills, pot, and tobacco into the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections. Outside dealers and money handlers worked with corrections employees and inmates to procure and distribute contraband inside the jail. Trial is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018, at 1:00p.m. in Division 7 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Critt Cunningham is the prosecutor.

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