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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

Scott Adam Cooper – 17CR0301, 17CR0583, 17CR0878, 17CR1610, 17CR3222 and 18CR2112 (Theft By Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property over \$10,000, Theft By Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property over \$500 [3 counts], Theft By Deception over \$10,000 [6 counts], Theft By Deception over \$500 [20counts], Trafficking in Marijuana, 5 pounds or more, and Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, Schedule II Cocaine)

- Mr. Cooper (DOB 01/29/85) entered a guilty plea to these charges on January 16, 2019 in Division 3 of Jefferson Circuit Court. In his guilty plea, Cooper agreed to a sentence of

thirteen (13) years and agreed to pay restitution totaling \$239,899.07 to his thirty-one (31) victims. The charges arose out of a fraud scheme perpetrated by Cooper between April 13, 2016 and February 2, 2018 wherein he contracted with area homeowners to replace the roofs on their residences, collected money from them and then failed to return and perform the work. He was also found to be in possession of 13 pounds of marijuana and 13 grams of cocaine on November 30, 2016. Final sentencing is scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Division 3 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Jeff Cooke is the prosecutor.

HEARINGS

Troy Antwan Hurt, Jr. - 17CR0648 (Murder)

- Mr. Hurt (DOB 10/06/00) is charged with the November 9, 2016, murder of his romantic partner Trayona McDowell (DOB 10/17/98) on Egypt Lane. A hearing on the defendant's motion to suppress his statement is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Division 12 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Elizabeth Jones Brown is the prosecutor.

SENTENCINGS

Cody Bates – 17CR1730 (Murder)

- Mr. Bates (DOB 03/13/93) was charged with the Murder of the 3 month old son of his then-girlfriend. The child was in the custody of Mr. Bates at the time that he received fatal blunt-force injuries which resulted in his death. A Jury found the defendant guilty of Murder on December 7, 2018. The case is scheduled for final sentencing on January 23, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in Division 2 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Danielle Yannelli is the prosecutor.

Javontay Forrest – 18CR2649 (Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of a Handgun by a Minor)

- On November 30, 2018, Mr. Forrest (DOB 01/08/02) pled guilty to the amended charge of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Possession of a Handgun by a Minor. Mr. Forrest admitted to his guilt in causing the death of Tavon Yelder on July 31, 2018. Mr. Forrest, who is 16 years old, was reported to be irresponsibly handling a gun throughout the night. At the time of the incident, Mr. Yelder was seated in front of Mr. Forrest playing a video game. Mr. Forrest pointed the handgun at Mr. Yelder's head and shot. At the plea, Mr. Forrest informed the court that he was attempting to decock the gun when he shot Mr. Yelder. Final sentencing is scheduled for January 23, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. in Division 3 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Emily Lantz is the prosecutor.

Quincy Blackmon – 18CR1278 (Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree)

- Mr. Blackmon (DOB 01/06/91) is charged with the strangulation 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 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. The Defendant pled guilty to these offenses on October 10, 2018 and final sentencing is scheduled for January 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Division 2 of Jefferson Circuit Court. Madison Shoffner is the prosecutor.

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