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**JURY CONVICTS D'ANTE DAVIS OF MURDER**

*Muncie Indiana* – Today a Delaware County jury deliberated for a little over two hours before convicting D'Ante Davis (DOB 8/28/1998) of Murder, a felony, Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 2 Felony, and Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery. The jury also found Davis guilty of a firearms sentencing enhancement. A copy of the Affidavit of Probable Cause that was filed with the case is attached. The Honorable Linda Ralu Wolf, Judge of the Delaware Circuit Court No. 3 set sentencing for February 24, 2023 at 1:30 pm. Pursuant to Indiana law:



D'Ante Davis

- Murder is punishable by 45 – 65 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- A Level 2 Felony is punishable by 10 – 30 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- A Level 3 Felony is punishable by 3 – 16 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- The Firearm Enhancement can add an additional 5 – 20 years to the total sentence.

After the verdict was returned, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman said “Another violent felon has been taken off of our streets. I am proud of Chief Deputy Prosecutor Zach Craig Deputy Prosecutor Andrew Ramirez, Investigator Heather Stanley, Cassie Benbow, MPD Detective Andrew Sell and the entire Muncie Police Department for their hard work and dedication in this case.”

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW, , a police officer of the Muncie Police Department, and being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that the following described person was arrested, without Warrant, upon the charge(s) and circumstances hereinafter stated, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of establishing probable cause for said arrest.

MPD Case Report # 21-25441

NAME OF ARRESTEE: D'Ante Davis

D.O.B.: 08/28/1998

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 2001 S. Delawanda, Muncie, IN 47302

DATE OF ARREST: 12/13/2021

TIME OF ARREST: 1420

CHARGE 1: Murder

CHARGE 2: Murder – Felony

CHARGE 3: Armed Robbery – Level 2 Felony

CHARGE 4: Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery – Level 3 Felony

On July 22, 2021, Delaware County dispatch received multiple 911 calls in reference to a shooting at the Canterbury Apartments, which are located off of W. Jackson St. west of Morrison Rd. in Muncie, Delaware County. According to the 911 callers, several gunshots could be heard coming from one of the apartments in the back of the complex. Both of the callers were later interviewed by investigators. One of the 911 callers stated that that after she heard the gunshots, she saw a dark black male wearing a black mask and carrying a huge gun and a backpack get into a silver or gray car and leave. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 911 caller stated that after he had heard the gunshots, he saw two (2) black males run out of apartment 5214 W. Canterbury Dr. One of those males had dreadlocks and was carrying a large assault rifle and a bag and the other male was carrying a handgun. The description provided by the 2<sup>nd</sup> 911 caller matches the physical characteristics of D'Ante Davis. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 911 caller stated that the black male carrying the assault rifle and the bag got into the back seat of a small gray car, which he later stated was a Chevy Spark, and the black male carrying the handgun got into a blue, 4-door sedan. The two cars then sped away from the scene.

Officers from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and Yorktown Police Department were the first officers to arrive at the apartment complex. Once there, officers responded to and entered apartment 5214 W. Canterbury Dr., where they located a deceased individual, later identified as James B. King III, lying in the living room of the apartment. King was found to have been shot approximately nine (9) times. Officers also located approximately 50 spent shell casings inside of the apartment, which had substantial damage that appeared to have been caused by multiple gunshots.

After arriving on scene, officers made contact with Witness #1, who resides at 5214 W. Canterbury Dr. and was inside when King was killed. According to Witness #1, he and King were



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approximately 7 minutes. He then came out and got back in the car. The two of them then left the apartment complex. When investigators confronted Childress about her story, she stated, "I don't remember a lot, I blacked out." Childress was then jailed at that time for Assisting a Criminal. Following her arrest, investigators monitored her jail phone calls. During 1 of those calls, Childress says, "Y'all doing more to me than y'all doing to the motherfuckers that actually did something. All I did was drive."

The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said Arrestee committed the aforesaid offense (s) are as follows:

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.  
/s/ Officer Andrew Sell 1902 DATE: 12/13/2021

**JUDICIAL DETERMINATION**

The undersigned, being a Judicial officer of Delaware County, and having reviewed the foregoing affidavit, now determines that probable cause existed for the arrest of said arrestee, and now fixes bond in the penal sum of \$ no bond until further order of Court

DATED: 12/14/2021 SIGNED: [Signature] Judge of Delaware Circuit Court #3

CHARGES TO BE FILED BY: 12/20/21 @ 1pm No Bond

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