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Date: July 24, 2024

**CRIMINAL CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS SENTENCED TO 79 YEARS IN PRISON**

Muncie Indiana – Earlier today, the Honorable Judi L. Calhoun Judge of the Delaware Circuit Court No. 1 sentenced Tarron H. Conwell (DOB 12/29/2003) to 79 years in prison for attempting to kill Delaware Sheriff's Deputies. On June 27, 2024. Today a Delaware County jury deliberated for approximately 4 hours before convicting Conwell of:

- Count 1: Attempted Murder, a Level 1 Felony
- Count 2: Criminal Recklessness, a Level 5 Felony as a lesser included offense of Attempted Murder, a Level 1 Felony
- Count 3: Attempted Murder, a Level 1 Felony
- Count 4: Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun, a Level 5 Felony
- Count 5: Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 Felony

A copy of the Affidavit of Probable Cause that was originally filed with the case is attached. During the sentencing hearing, Deputy Prosecutor Maricel Driscoll told the Court that Conwell "is a menace to society who does nothing but cause chaos and disorder." After the sentence was imposed, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman said "Over the course of my career I have repeatedly said that if you pull a gun on and fire it at a police officer you do so at your own peril: whether it be the officer returning fire and extinguishing your life or being arrested and aggressively prosecuted. As this county's Prosecuting Attorney, I will not tolerate violent attacks on law enforcement. I am proud of Deputy Prosecutors Steve Sneed and Maricel Driscoll, ISP Detective Ron Halbert and Prosecutor's Investigator Kira Curtis for their hard work and dedication in this case."

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE DELAWARE COUNTY COURT SYSTEM
DELAWARE COUNTY) 2023 TERM

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW: Ron Halbert Jr. M/Trp/Det. Indiana State Police, a police officer of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, 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 herein after stated, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of establishing probable cause for said arrest.

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Tarron Hayden Conwell D.O.B. 12/29/2003

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 3608 S. Mock Avenue, Muncie, IN

DATE OF ARREST: 6-23-2023 TIME OF ARREST: 7:42 AM PM

Table with 5 columns: CHARGES, class, Felony/Misdemeanor, and checkboxes. Rows include Attempted Murder, Criminal Recklessness with a deadly weapon, Resisting Law Enforcement w/using deadly weapon, and Possession of marijuana with prior conviction.

The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said arrestee committed the aforesaid offense(s) in Delaware County, State of Indiana, are as follows:

On 6-23-2023, the Delaware County Sheriff's Department was searching for this suspect for an alleged prior crime. The Sheriff's Department Investigators located this suspect outside his residence located at 3608 S. Mock Avenue, Muncie, Indiana. When Deputies went to arrest this suspect, the suspect fled on foot from Deputies, ignoring verbal commands, and while fleeing, drew a concealed handgun and began to fire several rounds at pursuing Deputies. One pursuing Deputy's marked police vehicle was struck by the suspect's gunfire and other Deputies on foot were shot at also. A subsequent search of the suspect's residence, via search warrant, revealed the presence of suspected marijuana and other firearms.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.

DATE: 6-26-2023 Officer: M/Trp./Detective Ron Halbert Jr. [Signature]

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 bail in the penal sum of \$ 165,000 cash only bond doubled to \$330,000 cash

Dated: 6/26/23 Signed: [Signature] Title: Col Judge

PRE-INITIAL HEARING INFORMATION

Pre-initial Hearing Date: Charges to be filed by Date: 7/17/23 Time: 1pm

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