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MALEK WILLIAMS SENTENCED TO 70 YEARS FOR MURDER

Muncie Indiana - Today the Honorable Judi Calhoun, Judge of the

Delaware Circuit Court No. 1 sentenced Malek S. Williams (DOB 11/27/2000) to 70 years in prison for Williams conviction of murder. On July 19, 2024 a Delaware County jury deliberated for approximately 3 hours before convicting Williams of Murder, a Felony. Williams then admitted that he used a firearm in the commission of Murder. A copy of the Affidavit of Probable Cause that was originally filed with the Court is attached. Judge Calhoun imposed a 55 year sentence for on the Murder conviction and then added 15 years for the firearm enhancement for a total of 70 years in prison. Pursuant



Malek Williams

to Indiana law, murder is punishable by 45-65 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. The Firearm Enhancement can add an additional 5-20 years to the total sentence

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Prosecutors Andrew Ramirez and Steve Sneed. After the verdict was returned, Delaware County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Andrew Ramirez said, "Although Que'Aundre Johnson is no longer with us, hopefully this provides some justice to his family and friends." Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman thanked Deputy Prosecutors Andrew Ramirez and Steve Sneed, and Prosecutor Investigator Kira Curtis for their hard work and dedication to seeking justice in this case and said "I am glad the jury saw through the Defendant's ridiculous claim of self-defense. You do not get to chase a person down, repeatedly shoot them in the back and then claim self-defense. That defies not only the law but common sense."

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW, Gage Winters, 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.

Case Report # 22-29489

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Malek S. Williams

D.O.B.:11/27/2000

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 615 W Charles St. Apt B2 Muncie, IN 47305

DATE OF ARREST: 08/20/2022 TIME OF ARREST: 5:12 PM

CHARGE 1 Murder, a Felony

DATE: 8/20/2022

CHARGE 2 Criminal Recklessness w/deadly weapon, a Level 6 Felony

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

On 08/20/2022 at approximately 12:40 AM, Members of the Muncie Police Department responded to the area of W University Ave. and N Dill St. on reports of a shooting. Officers located Que'Aundre Johnson suffering from multiple gunshot wounds at the Marathon Gas station, 1524 W University Ave. Johnson was transported to IU Ball Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Members of the Muncie Police Department were able to obtain surveillance video from the Village Promenade, Brother's Bar & Grill, and Marathon Gas station. The surveillance footage from the Village Promenade shows the area of the main entrance to Brother's Bar & Grill, as well as part of W University Ave. Que'Aundre Johnson can be observed in the surveillance video wearing a red Nike hooded sweatshirt, black shorts, and white shoes. Que'Aundre Johnson can be observed walking west towards the entrance of Brother's Bar & Grill. As Que'Aundre Johnson is walking, a male subject identified by witnesses as Malek Williams, steps in front of Que'Aundre Johnson, stops him and appears to be talking with Que'Aundre Johnson. Que'Aundre Johnson and Malek Williams speak for approximately one minute and twelve seconds. Then, Malek Williams pulls a gun from his waistband and

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begins shooting Que'Aundre Johnson. Que'Aundre Johnson can then be observed running away from Malek Williams towards the northeast, in the direction of the Marathon Gas station. Malek Williams can be observed chasing Que'Aundre Johnson, while still shooting in Que'Aundre Johnson's direction. Que'Aundre Johnson eventually falls down on the southwest corner of the gas station located at 1524 W. University Ave. Muncie, IN 47303. The suspect, Malek Williams, was observed running south east near University Ave. and cuts down an alley out of sight from the cameras.

Individuals in the area render aid to Que'Aundre Johnson until paramedics arrived on scene. Que'Aundre Johnson was taken to IU Health BMH where he was pronounced deceased. It was later determined that Que'Aundre Johnson sustained seven (7) gunshot wounds.

Several witnesses were brought to City Hall CID to be interviewed. One was Que'Aundre's girlfriend, A.G., who was able to positively identify Malek Williams in the videos and picture. A.G. explained that Malek Williams is an ex-boyfriend of hers as well. Investigators were able to get addresses for Malek Williams and went out to attempt to locate on 08/20/22. One of the addresses was 615 W. Charles St. Apt B2 Muncie, Delaware County, IN. It was also determined that Williams drives a Black VW CC 4 door vehicle with Passenger plate 199RGI.

On 08/20/22 Investigators with the Muncie Police Department observed Williams Black VW CC 4 door with Passenger Plate 199RGI pull into the parking lot for 615 W. Charles St. A male identified to be Malek Williams walked from the vehicle and into the glass common way door marked B for his apartment B2. A short amount of time passed and Malek Williams was observed leaving the glass common door and getting back in his Black VW CC 4 door vehicle with Passenger plate 199RGI. After the vehicle left the apartment Investigators performed a high risk stop on the vehicle and were able to take Malek Williams and J.D. into custody. Both subjects were transported to Muncie City Hall CID.

Once at CID Malek Williams was read his rights and acknowledgement waiver and agreed to speak with Investigators. Malek Williams confessed to shooting Que'Aundre Johnson and running away. Williams told Investigators where he threw the handgun he used and also advised that the clothes he was wearing that night were back at his apartment located at 615 W. Charles St Apt. B2. Muncie, In. Crime Scene Investigators processed the

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