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Detroit Man Charged in Assault of 81-Year-Old Man

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Lawrence Deonte Gilchrist, 30, of Detroit, in connection with the assault of an 81-year-old man, who was visiting from his home in Bremen, Germany.

On September 7, 2024, at approximately 10:14 a.m., Detroit police officers were dispatched to a building in the 1000 block of Woodward Avenue. Upon their arrival, officers located the victim on the ground, suffering from a head injury. Medics arrived on the scene transported the victim to a local hospital for treatment.

It is alleged that Gilchrist approached the victim and without provocation hit him causing him to fall and injure his head.

Lawrence Deonte Gilchrist has been charged with Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm and Aggravated Assault.*

"A lot of work has gone into making our city a welcoming beacon to all, only to have the alleged horrific actions of this defendant deeply tarnish these efforts. But much more importantly, 81-year-old Dieter Kirsch must pay the undeserved price of what the defendant decided to do. This is heartbreaking on so many levels," said Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

He was arraigned this morning in 36th District Court before Magistrate Jeffrey Kleparek and given a \$50,000 cash/surety bond with a GPS tether. A bond re-determination hearing is scheduled for September 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge William McConico. The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for September 17, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., and the Preliminary Examination is scheduled for September 24, 2024, at 8:45 a.m., before Judge Kenneth King. Please request a photograph of the defendant from the Detroit Police Department.

*The charges are allegations and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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