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## **Detroit Man Charged in Homicide of Retired DPD Officer**

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Erik Delano Davis, 30, of Detroit, in connection with the homicide of Stefon Hodo, 41, and the non-fatal shootings of a 39-year-old woman and a 47-year-old man, all of Detroit. Mr. Hodo was a retired officer of the Detroit Police Department.

On June 30, 2022, at approximately 11:10 a.m., Detroit police officers were dispatched to a residence in the 15300 block of Ferguson Street for a reported shooting. Upon their arrival, officers made contact with the 39-year-old victim. At approximately 2:27 p.m., Detroit police officers were dispatched to the same residence for a second reported shooting. Upon their arrival, officers located the 47-year-old victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the hand. Medics arrived on the scene and transported the victim to a local hospital for treatment. The 39-year-old victim was not injured in the shooting.

An investigation led police to Mr. Hodo's residence located in the 14900 block of Ferguson Street in Detroit. A missing person report was filed by the Detroit Police Department on June 30, 2022, for Mr. Hodo. During the investigation, officers discovered Mr. Hodo's lifeless body at a park in Detroit on July 14, 2022. The medical examiner determined that his death was a homicide, caused by multiple sharp force injuries to the head.

It is alleged that on June 28, 2022, during an argument, Defendant Davis killed Mr. Hodo and moved his lifeless body to another location, before breaking into his home and stealing his vehicle and handgun. It is further alleged that on June 30, 2022, Defendant Davis used Mr. Hodo's vehicle and handgun to non-fatally shoot the 39-year-old and 47-year-old victims. Investigation by the Detroit Police Department led to the arrest of Defendant Davis on July 1, 2022. More complete facts and evidence will be placed on the record in court at the Preliminary Examination.

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Erik Delano Davis has been charged with First-Degree Murder, First-Degree Home Invasion, Discharge of a Firearm in or at a Building, Discharge of a Firearm in or at a Building Causing Serious Impairment, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and three counts of Felony Firearm.\*

He was arraigned and remanded to jail this morning in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court before Magistrate Laura Echartea. The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for September 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., and the Preliminary Examination is scheduled for October 2, 2024, at 1:45 p.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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