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Suspect Identified and Indicted in 2022 Murder of Baltimore Teen Deontay Edwards

BALTIMORE, MD (March 16, 2023) – Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced the indictment of Tyshaun Williams of Baltimore for the murder of Deontay Edwards of Baltimore and the attempted murders of three individuals on July 30, 2022. Williams is also indicted for his participation in a carjacking conspiracy in July and August of 2022, and related crimes.

The investigation led by the Baltimore City Police Department's Robbery Homicide Section with assistance from the Attorney General's Organized Crime Unit revealed that, among other crimes, Williams carjacked a woman at gunpoint on July 22, 2022, in the 5300 block of Nelson Avenue.

Approximately a week later, in the early morning hours of July 30, 2022, Williams and at least one other unidentified co-conspirator used that carjacked vehicle in a drive-by shooting near the corner of Rutland Avenue and E. Lafayette Avenue in the Broadway East neighborhood of Baltimore City. Edwards and several other individuals were on the street near that corner when Williams first drove by. After Williams and his co-conspirator shot at them, Edwards and three other individuals got into a car and attempted to flee south on Rutland Avenue. Williams and his co-conspirator circled around and chased the group down Rutland Avenue, shooting at their car as they drove, ultimately causing them to crash into a parked car near the intersection of Oliver Street. Edwards was attempting to flee on foot when he was shot in the back and killed. Another occupant of the car was shot three times and survived. Detectives recovered twenty-four shell casings from the crime scene that spanned across three-blocks.

On August 2, 2022, Williams was arrested by the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Taskforce while driving the carjacked vehicle used during the shooting. During the arrest, detectives recovered a handgun with a loaded 30 round magazine.

Williams is also charged in connection with an armed carjacking on July 12, 2022, in the 3200 block of Independence Street and an armed robbery on July 25, 2022, near the 2300 block of Sinclair Lane.

“The brutality of the crimes of which this defendant is accused is shocking and bewildering: multiple carjackings, armed robbery, and murder,” said Attorney General Brown. “Several lives have been impacted by Williams’ alleged actions, and he is looking at the possibility of spending many years of his own life in prison if convicted. I am grateful for the incredible work of our Criminal Division, as well as our law enforcement partners, in this indictment.”

“I want to extend my gratitude to Attorney General Anthony Brown, the Baltimore Police Department’s Robbery Homicide Section, the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Taskforce and our law enforcement partners for their tireless work on this case. It is my hope that their efforts will enable community members to come forward with any information they may have on Mr. Williams’ co-conspirators. I also hope this indictment brings some closure and justice to the loved ones of Deontay Edwards and other victims,” said Commissioner Michael Harrison.

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked Criminal Division Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorneys General Nancy Frigo and Shannon Price, the Baltimore City Police Department, specifically the detectives and officers of the Robbery Homicide Unit and the Regional Auto Theft Task Force, as well as the special agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), for their assistance in this investigation.

Investigators are seeking to identify Williams’ co-conspirators. A cash reward of up to \$8,000 is being offered for information leading to an arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact Baltimore City Police or Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-756-2587 or visit www.metrocrimestoppers.org/submit-a-tip/. Callers can remain anonymous.

A criminal indictment is merely an accusation of wrongdoing, and a defendant is presumed innocent until the State proves the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendant’s case will be prosecuted in Baltimore City Circuit Court.

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