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## Two Juveniles and One Adult Face Charges Including Attempted Murder and Participating in a Criminal Gang for a Drive-by Shooting that injured a 3- and 9-year-old

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CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that two juveniles and one adult with known gang affiliations are facing multiple counts each for their role in the October 4, 2016, shooting on Dudley Avenue in Cleveland that left two children seriously wounded.

Prosecutors filed complaints against the two juveniles who were 16-years-old at the time of the incident. Jeron High, 18, was indicted in Common Pleas Court.

On October 4, the trio attempted to shoot at rival gang members on Dudley Avenue. Instead, a three-year-old was struck in the head and a nine-year-old in the back.

"The recent crimes committed by teenagers in the City of Cleveland is staggering," said O'Malley. "We are pressing multiple, serious charges against these juveniles as well as the 18year-old adult."

The five-month investigation was led by the Cleveland Police Department along with the assistance of Lakewood Police Department and Avon Lake Police Department.

The charges include multiple counts of Attempted Murder and Felonious Assault, as well as Participating in a Criminal Gang, Improperly Discharging Into Habitation, and Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle. They face up to 132 years if convicted on all counts.

The Office will seek to bind over the two juveniles to be tried in Common Pleas Court. "We need to send a message that our Office will not tolerate this type of violence and we will do everything we can to see they are tried and convicted as adults," said O'Malley.

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