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Three Indicted for Drive-By Shooting, Killing Two Individuals

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley has announced that three defendants were indicted for their role in a drive-by shooting that resulted in the death of two males, Tywain Johnson (15) and David Wilder (61).

On March 25, 2017, at approximately 1:30 p.m., the defendants—Terrell Gray, Kassius Williams, and Charles Walker—were driving westbound on Woodland Avenue between E. 89th Street and Buckeye Road. While driving, they fired on a vehicle with one adult (20) and two juveniles (15, 17). One of the juveniles, Tywain Johnson, 15, was struck three times and died.

During the shooting, David Wilder, 61, happened to be traveling westbound on Woodland Avenue, several car lengths behind the shooting. A stray bullet struck Wilder and killed him.

The three defendants drove to St. Vincent Charity's ER to treat Gray for a gunshot wound to his hand. In response to the gunshot wound, the hospital contacted Cleveland Police, whom arrested the three defendants at the hospital. Walker was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon for bringing a firearm on the hospital premises. Williams was also charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon for bringing a firearm into a convenient store prior to the drive-by shooting.

"While this level of violence is shocking, it is becoming all too familiar in our City," said Prosecutor O'Malley. "I will fight to ensure that these defendants receive the maximum sentence of incarceration permitted by law."

The defendants are charged with two counts of Aggravated Murder, two counts of Murder committed as a result of discharging a firearm on a public roadway, two counts of Murder committed as a result of a felonious assault, two counts of Discharging a Firearm on a Public Roadway, four counts of Felonious Assault, and one count of Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle. Each of these counts has firearm specifications for the use of the firearms to commit the crime during a "drive-by shooting." Williams and Walker have additional charges for Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

The case remains under investigation and the State reserves the right to pursue a superseding indictment to seek the death penalty in this case.

Arraignment is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on April 14.

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