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Man charged with murder in Benton Harbor shooting death

Davion Turner, 19, of Conyers, Georgia has been charged with Open Murder and Felony Firearm in connection with the shooting death of Nathaniel Lee, 32, of Benton Harbor. Turner has been identified as the shooter in the incident at Benton Harbor's River Terrace housing complex at 11:45 Tuesday night. Lee was sitting in a parked vehicle with another when he was shot twice by Turner in what may have been a robbery. It is believed Turner was here from Georgia visiting his father in Benton Harbor. Police developed Turner as a suspect quickly resulting in Turner turning himself in to police Thursday afternoon.

At Turner's arraignment today on Open Murder and Felony Firearm bond was set at \$1,000,000.00 cash or surety with GPS monitoring. His pre-exam conference is set for August 25, 2017 and his preliminary examination hearing for August 31, both at 8:30 in Berrien County's St. Joseph court.

Open Murder includes options of 1st and 2nd Degree Murder, the penalty being Life without Parole, and Life or any term of years, respectively. Felony Firearm carries a penalty of a 2 year mandatory sentence consecutive to any other charge.

The investigation is being conducted by the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety with assistance from Michigan State Police Major Crimes Unit, FBI VCTF and Berrien County Sheriff's Department.

The charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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