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Two more charged with murder in Benton Harbor shooting death

[previous release from 8/18/2017]

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.

[additional information from 8/23/2017]

Antonio Hall, 21, of Benton Harbor, has been charged with Felony-Murder, Armed Robbery and Felony Fire-arm in connection with the shooting death of Nathaniel Lee on August 15, 2017. It is alleged Hall and Davion Turner, conspired with two others to rob Lee. During the course of the robbery Lee was shot twice and died from his gunshot wounds.

Continued investigation by the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety with assistance from the Michigan State Police Major Crimes Unit has produced evidence more clearly supporting the theory of a plan to rob Nathaniel Lee with the use of firearms.

At Hall's arraignment today on Felony-Murder, Armed Robbery and Felony Firearm bond was set at \$1,000,000.00 cash or surety with GPS monitoring. His pre-exam conference is set for September 1, 2017 and his preliminary examination hearing for September 7, both at 8:30 in Berrien County's St. Joseph court.

At the time of Turner's preliminary examination scheduled for August 31, the prosecutor will be seeking to amend Turner's charges to include Felony-Murder and Armed Robbery.

Felony-Murder carries a penalty of Life without Parole and Armed Robbery, Life or any term of years. Felony Firearm carries a penalty of a 2 year mandatory sentence consecutive to any other charge.

[additional information]

Two additional men have been arrested and charged in the death of Nathaniel Lee on August 15, 2017. Shuantae Hill, Jr., 21, and Denzeil Dade, 23, both of Benton Harbor, are charged with Felony-Murder, Armed Robbery and Felony Fire-arm. Felony-Murder carries a penalty of Life without Parole and Armed Robbery, Life or any term of years. Felony Firearm carries a penalty of a 2 year mandatory sentence consecutive to any other charge. Hill is charged with an additional county of Intimidating a Witness, a 10 year felony.

At Hill's arraignment on August 24, bond was set at \$1,000,000.00 cash or surety with GPS monitoring. His pre-exam conference is set for September 1, 2017 and his preliminary examination hearing for September 7, both at 8:30 in Berrien County's St. Joseph court.

At Dade's arraignment today, bond was set at \$1,000,000.00 cash or surety with GPS monitoring. His pre-exam conference is also set for September 1, 2017 and his preliminary examination hearing for September 7, both at 8:30 in Berrien County's St. Joseph court.

Hill is also facing charges of Attempted Home Invasion 1st degree, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Felony Firearm from an incident alleged to have occurred on June 18, 2017 in Benton Township. Bond in that case is set at \$50,000 cash or surety tether bond. That case is scheduled for a pre-exam conference on September 1, 2017 and a preliminary examination hearing for September 7, both at 8:30 in Berrien County's St. Joseph court.

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

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