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MEDIA RELEASE

Update #2: Lake County Sheriff's Office Investigating Homicide in Unincorporated Gurnee

Sheriff's Detectives have continued investigating this case to hold everyone responsible for the homicide of Elliot Jones accountable.

During the investigation, sheriff's detectives developed information and evidence indicating Jordae Wilson, 19, of the 2500 block of Jackson Street, Waukegan, was closely involved in the robbery and murder of Jones. In the evening of May 29, 2020, Wilson and Donerrance M. Nixon planned to rob Jones. Nixon and Wilson arranged a meeting with Jones. During the meeting they robbed Jones, and during the robbery Jones was shot by an occupant of their vehicle.

On September 24, 2020, sheriff's detectives presented the evidence to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office and an arrest warrant for first degree murder was drafted for Wilson. A Lake County Judge authorized and signed the arrest warrant.

The Lake County Sheriff's Warrants Team developed information that Wilson was hiding in the Atlanta, GA area, and was not immediately located. On November 22, 2020, Wilson was driving a vehicle which was pulled over by Kenosha Police Department. He was taken into custody and also found to be in possession of a firearm.

Wilson currently remains held at the Kenosha County Jail pending extradition hearings.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

UPDATE #1: Arrest of Waukegan Man (issued June 12, 2020)

On June 8, 2020, a suspect in the shooting death of Elliot Jones was arrested. During the investigation, Lake County Sheriff's Detectives identified Donerrance M. Nixon, 22, of the 600 block of Lenox Avenue, Waukegan, as a person

of interest.

The investigation revealed Nixon was an acquaintance of Jones. On May 29, 2020, Nixon and Jones spent some time together during the day. The two went their separate ways in the evening but continued communicating via electronic message. Nixon offered to sell Jones marijuana, but really intended on robbing Jones.

At approximately 9:50PM, Nixon arrived at Jones' residence and Jones walked to the vehicle where Nixon was seated. Nixon robbed Jones of the cash he was going to use to buy the marijuana. The driver of the vehicle began to drive away as Jones was attempting to open the car door, in an effort to retrieve his stolen money. An occupant in the vehicle then shot Jones.

Nixon, who planned and committed the robbery was arrested by Lake County Sheriff's Detectives on June 8, 2020, at approximately 6:00PM. He had an active arrest warrant for violating the sexual offender registry and was arrested during a traffic stop at the intersection of Northfield Avenue and North McAree Road, Waukegan.

After presenting the facts and evidence, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved two counts of first degree murder for Nixon, for his involvement in the murder.

Nixon appeared at an initial court hearing yesterday where his bond was set at \$3,000,000.00. His next court date is July 1, 2020, at 9:00AM.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Lake County Sheriff's Office Investigating Homicide in Unincorporated Gurnee (issued May 30, 2020)

On May 29, 2020, at approximately 9:50PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 36900 block of North Grandwood Drive, Unincorporated Gurnee, for a report of a man shot. Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene and located a 21-year-old man, of the 36900 block of North Grandwood Drive, who sustained a gunshot wound.

The victim was unresponsive, and sheriff's deputies attempted lifesaving efforts on him. Paramedics arrived and transported the victim to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

Preliminary investigation shows the victim met with another person near the roadway, close to the victim's residence. The person the victim met with then shot the victim. The offender fled from the scene following the shooting. The victim was likely acquainted with the offender and this was not a random act.

The Lake County Coroner's Office responded to Advocate Condell Medical Center and is in the process of scheduling an autopsy on the victim.

The investigation continues by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division.

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