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ASBURY PARK MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH 2009 SHOOTING IN NEPTUNE

On June 7, 2010, a Monmouth County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Thomas Williams, 20, of Asbury Park, N.J., with one count of first degree Murder, two counts of first degree Attempted Murder, one count of second degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and one count of second degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. The charges pertain to the May 25, 2009, shooting death of Daryle Tyson, 35, of Neptune Township, N.J.

The indictment also charges a second man, Shawn Dryden, 19, of Neptune Township, N.J., with one count of second degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

On May 25, 2009, at approximately 1:14 a.m., officers from the Neptune Township Police Department responded to a single family ranch-style home located on Olden Avenue in Neptune Township following a "911" telephone call from a female caller who reported that that her son was bleeding. Upon arrival, the responding law enforcement officers discovered Helen Tyson, 68, in the living room of the residence. Ms. Tyson had sustained a single gunshot wound in the area of her left calf. Officers then found Ms. Tyson's son, Daryle, on a bed in a bedroom. Mr. Tyson was deceased and had sustained apparent gunshot wounds. A preliminary investigation revealed that the shooter was outside of the residence when the weapon was fired, and that it discharged through an open bedroom window of the residence.

Ms. Tyson was transported to Jersey Shore University Medical Center where she was treated for her gunshot wound and released. An autopsy of Mr. Tyson determined that his death was a homicide.

A cooperative investigation into the shootings was conducted by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, the Monmouth County Sherriff's Office and the Neptune Township Police Department. The investigation led to the charges contained in the indictment. The investigation revealed that David Tyson IV, 19, a nephew of the homicide victim, Daryle Tyson, was the intended target of an earlier shooting that occurred moments

prior to the homicide. The indictment charges Williams with one count of first degree Attempted Murder for his role in connection with the earlier shooting. The investigation also revealed that subsequent to the unsuccessful shooting of David Tyson IV, who was uninjured in the incident, Williams went to the Crystal Inn Motel, located at 706 Highway 35, Neptune Township, N.J., and that after arriving at that location, Williams gave a handgun to Dryden.

On Saturday, August 22, 2009, a juvenile was arrested and charged with possession of a revolver on an unrelated incident in Long Branch, N.J. The handgun recovered from the juvenile was later determined to be the one which was used in the fatal May 25, 2009, shooting. The investigation has not revealed any evidence that the juvenile was involved in either the Daryle Tyson homicide or the David Tyson IV shooting.

Williams was arrested on October 29, 2009. Williams is being held at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of \$2,250,000 "cash only" bail.

On December 22, 2009, Dryden was arrested at the Crystal Inn Motel by officers from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office. Dryden's bail was set at \$100,000 "cash only." Dryden posted bail and was released from the Monmouth County Correctional Institute.

If convicted of Murder, the minimum mandatory custodial sentence is a thirty year State Prison term with a thirty year period of parole ineligibility, and the maximum potential custodial sentence is a term of life imprisonment. A sentence for Murder is subject to the "No Early Release Act" ("N.E.R.A."), which requires that a defendant serve 85% of the custodial sentence imposed before becoming eligible for release on parole. If convicted of Attempted Murder, the maximum potential custodial sentence is a twenty year State Prison term, which is also subject to "N.E.R.A." If convicted of either second degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose or second degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, the maximum potential custodial sentence is a State Prison term of 10 years, and pursuant to the "Graves Act" there is a mandatory period of parole ineligibility of between one third and one half of the custodial sentence imposed, or 3 years, whichever is greater.

Despite these charges, every defendant is presumed innocent, unless and until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, following a trial at which the defendant has all of the trial rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and state law.

The case is assigned to Assistant Prosecutor Marc C. LeMieux, Director of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office's Major Crimes Bureau. Williams is represented by Robert Konzelman, Esquire, of Freehold, N.J. Dryden is represented by James Fagen, Esquire, of Freehold, N.J.

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