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Date: August 5, 2022

**PROSECUTOR CHARGES TYLER ABRAMS WITH MURDER**

*Muncie Indiana* – On today's date the Prosecuting Attorney Eric M. Hoffman formally charged Tyler C. Abrams (DOB 5/18/1990) with the following criminal offenses:

- Count 1: Murder, a felony
- Count 2: Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony
- Count 3: Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 Felony
- Count 4: Pointing a Firearm, a Level 6 Felony

Felony Firearm Enhancement

The charges are pending in the Delaware Circuit Court No. 5. The Honorable Judge Thomas A. Cannon Jr. will set the case for an initial hearing. Copies of the charging information and Affidavit of Probable Cause that were filed with the Court are attached. Judge Cannon has ordered that the defendant be held in custody without bail.

Pursuant to Indiana law:

- Murder is punishable by 45 – 65 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- Each Level 6 Felony is punishable by 6 months – 2.5 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- The Firearm Enhancement can add an additional 5 – 20 years to the total sentence

It is important to remember that any accusation that someone has committed a crime, an arrest and/or the filing of a criminal charge is simply an allegation and is not evidence of guilt. All suspects are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at trial. The ethical rules for prosecutors in Indiana prohibit further comment on this matter. At this time, there will be no further comment.

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE DELAWARE CIRCUIT COURT 5  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF DELAWARE ) CAUSE NUMBER. 18C05-2208-MR

INFORMATION:

STATE OF INDIANA

VS

TYLER C. ABRAMS

2827 N. Everbrook Ln  
Muncie, IN 47304

DOB: 5/18/1990

SSN: xxx-xx-7191

Count 1:  
Murder  
I.C. 35-42-1-1(1)  
a Felony

Count 1:

The undersigned says that on or about July 30, 2022 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tyler C. Abrams did knowingly kill another human being, to-wit: Samuel Gillum contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-1-1(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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BY: /s/ Zachary Craig  
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Count 2:  
Criminal Recklessness  
I.C. 35-42-2-2(a) and I.C. 35-42-2-2(b)(1)(A)  
a Level 6 Felony

Count 2:

The undersigned says that on or about July 30, 2022 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tyler C. Abrams did knowingly perform an act that created a substantial risk of bodily injury to another person, and while committing said act Tyler C. Abrams was armed with a deadly weapon, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-2-2(a) and I.C. 35-42-2-2(b)(1)(A) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 3:  
Obstruction of Justice  
I.C. 35-44.1-2-2(a)(3)  
a Level 6 Felony

Count 3:

The undersigned says that on or about July 30, 2022 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tyler C. Abrams did alter, damage or remove a record, document or thing, to-wit: firearm, with the intent to prevent said item from being produced or used as evidence in a legal proceeding or criminal investigation, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-44.1-2-2(a)(3) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 4:  
Pointing a Firearm  
I.C. 35-47-4-3(b)  
a Level 6 Felony

Count 4:

The undersigned says that on or about July 30, 2022 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tyler C. Abrams did knowingly point a firearm, at another person, to-wit: Samuel Gillum, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-47-4-3(b) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK ENHANCED PENALTY FOR FIREARM USE**

The undersigned, being duly sworn upon his oath, says that on or about July 30, 2022, Tyler C. Abrams, did knowingly use a firearm during the commission of the offense of murder, all of which is contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided, to-wit: I.C. 35-50-2-11 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW, (Joseph Duckham), a police officer of the Muncie Police Department, and being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that the following described person was arrested, without Warrant, upon the charge(s) and circumstances hereinafter stated, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of establishing probable cause for said arrest.

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Tyler Abrams

D.O.B.: 05/18/1990

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 2827 N. Everbrook Ln. Muncie, IN 47304

DATE OF ARREST: 07/31/2022

TIME OF ARREST: 2110hrs

CHARGE 1: Murder

CHARGE 2: Criminal Recklessness- Level 5

CHARGE 3: Obstruction of Justice- Level 6

CHARGE 4: Pointing a Firearm- Level 6

The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said Arrestee committed the aforesaid offense (s) are as follows:

On July 30, 2022, at approximately 8:44 PM, Delaware County Dispatch was called in reference to a shooting that had occurred in the parking lot of Walmart North, located at 4801 W. Clara Ln.; Muncie, IN. Muncie Police and other emergency personnel then responded to the scene. Upon arrival, Sam Gillum was located on the ground in the parking lot suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his head. EMS transported Gillum to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

Initial eyewitness statements were that a black male in dark shorts and a red shirt had shot the Victim in the parking lot and then fled on foot to the west and exited Walmart's parking lot onto Morrison Road. Investigators were able to obtain Walmart surveillance video which captured the shooting. In the video, the Victim and his wife can be seen exiting the store and pushing a shopping cart to their vehicle. A male individual wearing dark shorts and a red shirt can then be seen walking towards the Victim's vehicle. When the individual in the red shirt makes it to the Victim's vehicle, he raises his hand as if he is pointing something at the Victim. The individual appears to be holding something in his hand at that point. The individual in the red shirt then turns and runs to the southwest side of the parking lot. The individual can also be seen wearing what appears to be a black Covid-style mask.

After obtaining the initial information about the shooter's identity, officers began searching in that area for the suspect. Investigators made contact with another eyewitness in the area. This individual was fishing in a pond located to the west of Walmart. Around the time of the shooting, this person observed a black male wearing dark shorts, no shirt and carrying a gray, plastic shopping bag (similar to the appearance of Walmart shopping bags). The black male was also carrying a red shirt. The black male was walking to west and appeared to have come from the direction of Walmart. The black male was walking quickly and appeared to be out of breath.

PIH: 8/3/22

Charges Due: 8/8/22

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Police then located Tyler C. Abrams (DOB – 05/18/90) hiding near a residence off of Nebo Road approximately one (1) mile from Walmart. When officers approached Abrams, he immediately put his hands in the air and said, “I give up, I’m turning myself in.” At that point, Abrams taken into custody. When officers first made contact with Abrams, he was observed wearing blue shorts and had no shirt on. However, there a red shirt that matches the shirt being worn by the shooter in the Walmart surveillance video on the ground next to Abrams. The individual depicted in the Walmart surveillance videos matches Abrams’s description and appearance. After taking Abrams into custody, investigators seized Abrams’s clothing, which are blue shorts, red shirt & white shoes. Officers did not locate a firearm on Abrams. Abrams was taken into custody at approximately 2110hrs, approximately 26 minutes after shooting Gillum. It appears that Abrams has discarded the firearm within 26 minutes of shooting Gillum and fleeing the scene.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.  
/s/ OFFICER: Joseph Duckham MPD 1805 DATE: 7/31/2022

**JUDICIAL DETERMINATION**

The undersigned, being a Judicial officer of Delaware County, and having reviewed the foregoing affidavit, now determines that probable cause existed for the arrest of said arrestee, and now fixes bond in the penal sum of \$ NO BOND

DATED: 8/1/2022

SIGNED: Marianne Vorhees

CHARGES TO BE FILED BY: 8/8/22

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