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JURY CONVICTS ARMON EDWARDS OF MURDER

Muncie Indiana – Today a Delaware County jury deliberated for a little over six (6) hours before convicting Armon D. Edwards (DOB 2/18/1994) of:

- Count 1: Voluntary Manslaughter, a Level 2 felony
- Count 2: Attempted Armed Robbery, a Level 3 felony
- Count 3: Criminal Recklessness, a Level 6 felony
- Count 4: Murder, a felony



A copy of the Affidavit of Probable Cause for Arrest is attached. The Honorable Thomas A. Cannon Jr., Judge of the Delaware Circuit Court No. 5 set the matter for sentencing on November 9, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Pursuant to Indiana law:

- Murder is punishable by 45 – 65 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- A Level 2 Felony is punishable by 10 – 30 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- A Level 6 Felony is punishable by 6 months – 2.5 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

After the verdict was returned, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney said “I am proud of Deputy Prosecutors Doug Mawhorr, Jagen Arnold, Investigator Gala Laughner as well as the Muncie Police Department for their hard work and dedication in this case.”

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW, Brent Brown, 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: Armon D Edwards D.O.B.: 2-18-94
ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 1500 S Pershing Dr Muncie, IN 47302
DATE OF ARREST: TIME OF ARREST:

CHARGE 1: Murder

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

On 10-7-18 at 3:40 AM, police were called to the Marathon station (901 E Main St) on a call of a shooting. When police arrived, they found a black male on the ground near the gas pumps. He was soon pronounced dead at the scene. He was identified as Jordan Rowe. Rowe had suffered several gunshot wounds.

Police obtained surveillance footage from the gas station. The video shows the gas station was very busy. Jordan Rowe can be seen approaching the gas station on foot from the southeast. Rowe is seen speaking with other people for a few moments. A black male wearing a blue and white track suit approaches Rowe, puts a gun to Rowe's head, and then begins to struggle with Rowe. Rowe can be seen pulling his own handgun after the fight had begun. Rowe is thrown on top of a car hood for a few seconds. The two men then struggled after Rowe got off of the car. The suspect can be seen striking Rowe several times with a handgun. The suspect then got behind Rowe and can be seen shooting Rowe from behind at least three times. That male then can be seen running away from the scene with a gun in his right hand. The suspect then fled in an SUV. Police recovered several .40 caliber casings and a single .380 casing.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.

DATE: 10-7-18 OFFICER: Sgt. Brent Brown

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 BONDS Keep Bond

DATED: 10/9/2018 SIGNED: [Signature] Judge
CHARGES TO BE FILED BY: 10/15/18 @ 9am

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At 4:24 AM, police received a call of shots fired near Armon Edwards' residence. Police found over a dozen 9 mm casings at the corner of 8th and Hackley. Armon Edwards' residence and a neighbor's truck had been hit by gunfire.

At 4:47 AM, Armon Edwards was dropped off at Ball Hospital by a friend. Edwards had suffered a gunshot wound to the chest. He declined to speak or cooperate with police.

The friend that dropped off Edwards at the hospital was identified as Zach Buck. Buck said that he received a call from Tanisha Watkins. Tanisha told him that Armon had been shot in the chest and was refusing to go to the hospital. Buck said to bring Armon to his residence and he would handle it. Buck said Tanisha brought Armon to Buck's house. Buck then drove Armon to the emergency room.

Contact was made with Tanisha Watkins. She gave a statement in CID. Watkins said she was with Armon Edwards at Uggly's Bar. She knew a lot of people from the bar were going to the gas station on East Main so she went there with Armon to hang out. Tanisha said she got out of the car after she parked to talk to a friend. She then saw Armon and a black male fighting in the parking lot, she heard gunshots, and hid behind a vehicle. She saw Armon run back to the car and get in the driver's seat. Tanisha said she got in the car, Armon drove to 1500 S Pershing and got out of the vehicle. Tanisha said she then went home. Tanisha identified the black male in the blue and white track suit as Armon Edwards.

Further review of the video shows Armon in the passenger seat of Tanisha's vehicle as it pulls in to the station. He can be seen motioning towards the area Rowe is standing around. Armon put on a hoody and got out of the car. As he starts to walk toward Rowe, another male intercepts Armon and tries to hold him back. Armon pushed that male aside and then stood behind a vehicle with Rowe on the other side. Armon can be seen stalking Rowe for a moment as he peers around the vehicle. Armon then approached Rowe with his hood up and gun already out. The fight then continued as mentioned above.

Police believe Rowe was able to get off one shot at Edwards before being killed. No gun was recovered from Rowe's body. Review of the video shows bystanders likely removed property from Rowe after he had been shot.

Police have been told by members of Edwards' family that Edwards was involved in an ongoing feud with Jordan Rowe and another male.

DATE: 10-7-18 OFFICER: Sgt Brent Brown