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**JURY CONVICTS DOYLE WILSON OF MURDER**

*Muncie Indiana* – Today a Delaware County jury deliberated for approximately 3 hours before convicting Doyle Wilson (DOB 9/22/1993) of: Murder, a Felony and Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, a Level 1 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, remanded Wilson into the custody of the Delaware County Sheriff and set sentencing for March 24, 2022. Pursuant to Indiana law:

- Murder is punishable by 45 – 65 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- A Level 1 Felony is punishable by 20 – 50 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.



Doyle Wilson

After the verdicts were returned, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman said “It seems that over the past few years, the level of violence is escalating in our community. This will not be tolerated. If you take the life of another person or aid and abet those who do, you will be held accountable. I am proud of my Chief Deputy Prosecutor Zach Craig and Deputy Prosecutor Doug Mawhorr for their hard work and dedication in this case.”

On March 7, 2018, Wilson’s co-defendant Marcus Hanyard was convicted of Murder a felony, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, a Level 1 Felony, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon, a Level 4 Felony. Delaware County Circuit Court No 5 Judge Thomas A. Cannon Jr. sentenced Hanyard to sixty-one (61) years in prison.

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STATE OF INDIANA	)	IN THE DELAWARE COUNTY COURT SYSTEM
	) SS:	2019 TERM
COUNTY OF DELAWARE	)	CAUSE NUMBER: 18C05-1907-MR-
STATE OF INDIANA		AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST
VS.		FELONY MURDER –
		I.C. § 35-42-1-1(2) & 35-41-2-4
DOYLE R. WILSON JR.		CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY RESULTING IN
		SERIOUS BODILY INJURY –
		I.C. § 35-42-5-1 AND I.C. § 35-41-5-2

**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WARRANT**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says:

1. The affiant is a law enforcement officer with the Muncie Police Department.
2. On February 9, 2017, at approximately 3:58AM, dispatch put out a call of a shooting located at 808 W. Main in Muncie, IN. The original complainant in the incident stated to dispatch that someone was trying to put a body into a car and that they had heard several gunshots. Officer Duncan of the Muncie Police Department arrived on the scene and found that there was a white male in a green Dodge Stratus (Indiana license number 261RRH) sitting in the front passenger's seat slumped over the console and another white male sitting in the driver's seat. Officer Duncan contacted the driver, identified as Hunter Hess (DOB: 5-17-97), who stated that the passenger had been shot in the hand. Officer Duncan checked the status of the passenger, identified as Zack Farmer (DOB 9-3-96) and found that he was unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Duncan observed that Farmer had what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the right side of his head. Another individual, identified as Isaiah Davis (DOB: 3-15-97), came out

of the house located at 808 W. Main. Davis stated that he lived in the house located at 808 W. Main in apartment 1; and that a black male came inside the front door and began shooting. The black male was described as wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. Officers of the Muncie Police Department entered the house located at 808 W. Main and searched apartment 1 for other victims and potential threats. No other persons were located inside the apartment. Hess and Davis were taken to the Muncie Police Criminal Investigation Division for questioning. Farmer was determined to have suffered multiple gunshot wounds to several portions of his body and was pronounced dead at the scene.

3. Interviews were subsequently conducted with both Davis and Hess. Both Davis and Hess admitted to selling marijuana from the house located at 808 W. Main, where they both were residing. They both stated that during the incident that morning, they were sitting in a bedroom inside the apartment with Farmer (deceased gun-shot victim) when a black male with a handgun entered the bedroom holding a gun and began shooting. They advised that after the black male had begun shooting, they hid behind a safe located in the closet of the front bedroom located within the residence. Davis stated that before he hid with Hess, he returned fire at the suspect who retreated through the kitchen and out of the back door on the northwest corner of the apartment.

4. Muncie Police Department Evidence Technicians, Inv. Eric Henry and Inv. Kevin Pierce, processed and collected evidence from the apartment at 808 W. Main St. Apt 1, including spent shell casings and projectiles from inside the apartment where Farmer was shot and killed. Investigators Henry and Pierce located multiple spent shell casings

and projectiles that were fired from inside the bedroom (what is believed to have been Davis returning fire) out towards the living room and also multiple spent casings of .40 caliber and 9mm caliber, fired from inside the kitchen back towards the bedroom. The .40 caliber and 9mm caliber casings located in the kitchen are believed to be from two gunmen firing shots in the direction of the bedroom where Davis, Hess and Farmer were located.

5. Later on February 9<sup>th</sup>, an autopsy was performed on Zack Farmer at Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital by Dr. Clouse. During the autopsy, three (3) spent projectiles were removed from Farmer's body. The projectiles, as well as the wounds that they caused, were consistent with .40 caliber rounds.

6. On or about February 11<sup>th</sup>, Investigators received information that Marcus Hanyard had been involved in the homicide at 808 W. Main St. and that he had suffered an injury to his leg.

7. The Affiant spoke with Stephanie Wright via telephone. Wright lives in Indianapolis, Indiana and has a son. Wright said that Hanyard is her son's, Jaron Terry's, best friend. Wright said she normally sleeps until 5:00am but on the morning of the homicide, February 9<sup>th</sup>, she was awakened by Hanyard, Doyle Wilson, and her son in her house. Wright stated that Hanyard had blood on his leg and was walking with a limp. Wright said Hanyard and Wilson were asking for alcohol and cloths and then later asked her son for bleach to wipe up blood. Wright said they subsequently threw the cloths that they had used to clean up out in the dumpster. Her son told her that Hanyard is on probation in Delaware County. Investigators confirmed that Hanyard is on probation in



Delaware County following an Armed Robbery conviction. Wright also said that her son has told her that he's worried that the police will find Hanyard's blood inside the apartment where the shooting took place. Wright said her son told her that Hanyard had been shot near his Achilles tendon and it is a gash wound. Wright also told investigators that Hanyard had gotten a tip that 808 W. Main St. Apt. 1, was a "trap house" where drugs were being sold; and that there was supposed to have been a large quantity of drugs and money inside. Wright also informed investigators that Hanyard is staying with an individual named Christopher Hurt. Investigators then ran Hurt's name through law enforcement databases, and learned that Hurt was residing at a residence located at 2611 Pawnee Dr., Indianapolis, IN.

8. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, a search warrant authorizing police to detain Marcus Hanyard for purposes of collecting a DNA sample and to conduct a visual examination of Hanyard's person was obtained.

9. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 2:00 pm, investigators with the Muncie Police received information that Hanyard was at Hurt's residence located at 2611 Pawnee Dr., Indianapolis, IN. Investigators then received information that Hanyard was leaving Hurt's residence. Hanyard was subsequently observed by police travelling in a black, 4-door Chevrolet pick-up truck, in the rear seat on the passenger side of the truck. A car stop was initiated, at which point investigators made contact with Hanyard. A quick search of Hanyard's person revealed a fresh wound to his lower left leg, which is consistent with the previous information provided by Stephanie Wright. Hanyard was

later examined by an ER physician at IU Ball Memorial Hospital for jail clearance. This physician stated that the wound to Hanyard's leg was consistent with a bullet wound.

10. At the time Hanyard was detained, he was also found to be in possession of a white, LG cell phone. Cell phone records for that phone were subsequently obtained, which indicated that Hanyard's phone was "pinging" off of a cell phone tower in Muncie at approximately the time of the murder. An examination of Hanyard's cell phone was also conducted. During that examination, it was determined that on or about February 6, 2017 (3 days before Farmer's murder), Hanyard had utilized his cell phone in order to search for a Google street view of 808 W. Main St., which is the same address belonging to Isaiah Davis and Hunter Hess. Investigators also discovered photos on Hanyard's cell phone that depict Hanyard and Doyle Wilson at a gun range on February 7, 2017.

11. On March 7, 2017, investigators with MPD made contact with Jaron Terry and transported him to CID where an interview was conducted. During this interview, Terry stated that he had contact with Hanyard on the morning of February 9, and that Hanyard had a bullet wound to his leg. Terry advised that Hanyard had told him that he had been involved in a robbery that had gone bad while with an individual named "bubba". Hanyard had also told Terry that he had gone into the house with "bubba"; and that one guy in the house already had a gun when they (he and "bubba") came in. Terry advised investigators that "bubba" was an individual named "Doyle" who he has been friends with for some time. Terry also advised that he had Doyle's phone number under the name "Bubba" in his cell phone. Investigators then showed Terry a photo of Doyle Wilson, Jr. (DOB – 09/22/1993), whom Terry positively identified as "Bubba".

During the interview with Terry, Terry consented to investigators seizing his gold iPhone 6 for purposes of conducting a visual examination. After doing so, investigators discovered a text conversation between Terry and Hanyard located on said cell phone. Investigators also discovered the phone number for "Bubba" which was (765) 228-1935. Investigators also discovered a text from "Bubba" to Terry on February 13 (4 days after Farmer's murder), that contained a photo of a two-tone (silver slide and black frame), semi-automatic, .40 caliber firearm. In the text conversation, "Bubba" asks Terry if he wants to purchase the firearm and states that it is "the same exact 40 SW that I had."

12. On or about March 8, 2017, a search warrant for a DNA sample from Doyle Wilson, Jr., was obtained. Wilson was located on March 9, 2017, and was detained for the purposes of executing said search warrant. At that time, Wilson was in possession of a silver iPhone with no case. Officers believe this was the phone Wilson was utilizing in order to contact Terry regarding the potential sale of the .40 caliber firearm. A search warrant was then obtained for Wilson's cell phone. During a subsequent examination of said cell phone, investigators located text messages between Wilson and an individual believed to be Wilson's girlfriend. During this text message conversation, Wilson discusses coming into possession of a firearm a few days before Farmer's murder. Wilson also discusses being away from home and in a vehicle in the early morning hours of February 9, 2017, which is the same time period during which Farmer was killed. Investigators also determined that during that time period, Wilson was utilizing his cell phone in order to access a Star Press article related to Farmer's murder.

13. During the investigation, investigators also interviewed an individual named Matthew Fisher. Fisher is a friend of both Marcus Hanyard and Doyle Wilson. According to Fisher, in the weeks leading up to Farmer's murder, he took part in discussions about robbing Isaiah Davis. These discussions, which took place at Hanyard's girlfriend's house, involved Hanyard, Wilson and Dejuan Branson. Fisher also advised investigators that he regularly saw both Hanyard and Wilson carrying semi-automatic firearms around that period of time.

14. On or about February 26, 2018, the jury trial of Marcus Hanyard on charges related to Farmer's murder was commenced. During that trial, Doyle Wilson was called as a witness by the Defense. During his testimony, Wilson testified that around the time of Farmer's murder, he was regularly with Hanyard. Wilson further testified that he was with Hanyard on the day of Farmer's murder.

**WHEREFORE**, the undersigned requests that Delaware Circuit Court #5 issue a warrant for the arrest of Doyle R. Wilson Jr. (DOB – 09/22/1993) for the following:

1. Felony Murder, a Felony, in violation of I.C. § 35-42-1-1(2); and
2. Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, a Level 3 Felony, in violation of I.C. § 35-42-5-1;

and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.**

**I AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.**



7/16/2019  
Date

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Affiant

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