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From: Eric M. Hoffman, Prosecuting Attorney
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**PROSECUTOR CHARGES TARRON H. CONWELL
WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER OF THREE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES**

Muncie Indiana – On today's date the Prosecuting Attorney Eric M. Hoffman formally charged Tarron H. Conwell (DOB 12/29/2003) with the following criminal offenses:

- Count 1: Attempted Murder, a Level 1 Felony
- Count 2: Attempted Murder, a Level 1 Felony
- Count 3: Attempted Murder, a Level 1 Felony
- Count 4: Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Count 5: Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 Felony

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 charges are pending in the Delaware Circuit Court No. 1. The Honorable Judge Judi L. Calhoun 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.

Pursuant to Indiana law:

- Each Level 1 Felony is punishable by 20 – 40 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.
- A Class A Misdemeanor is punishable by up to 1 year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

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 1
) SS:
COUNTY OF DELAWARE) CAUSE NUMBER. 18C01-2307-F1

INFORMATION:

STATE OF INDIANA

VS

TARRON H. CONWELL

3608 South Mock Avenue
Muncie, IN 47302

DOB: 12/29/2003
SSN: XXX-XX-7794

Count 1:
Attempted Murder
I.C. 35-42-1-1(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1(a)
a Level 1 Felony

Count 1:

The undersigned says that on or about June 23, 2023 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tarron H. Conwell did with the intent to kill Carter Smithson, engage in conduct that constituted a substantial step toward the commission of said killing, to-wit: by shooting at and/or in the direction of Carter Smithson; contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-1-1(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1(a) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 2:
Attempted Murder
I.C. 35-42-1-1(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1(a)
a Level 1 Felony

Count 2:

The undersigned says that on or about June 23, 2023 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tarron H. Conwell did with the intent to kill Timothy J. Mitchell, engage in conduct that constituted a substantial step toward the commission of said killing, to-wit: by shooting at and/or in the direction of Timothy J. Mitchell; contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-1-1(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1(a) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 3:
Attempted Murder
I.C. 35-42-1-1(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1(a)
a Level 1 Felony

Count 3:

The undersigned says that on or about June 23, 2023 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tarron H. Conwell did with the intent to kill John Tyler Parks, engage in conduct that constituted a substantial step toward the commission of said killing, to-wit: by shooting at and/or in the direction of John Tyler Parks; contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-1-1(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1(a) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 4:
Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun
I.C. 35-47-2-1.5(b)
a Class A Misdemeanor

Count 4:

The undersigned says that on or about June 23, 2023 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tarron H. Conwell, being a person convicted of a federal or state offense punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one (1) year did knowingly carry a handgun, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-47-2-1.5(b) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 5:
Resisting Law Enforcement
I.C. 35-44.1-3-1(a)(3) and I.C. 35-44.1-3-1(c)
(1)(B)(i)
a Level 6 Felony

Count 5:

The undersigned says that on or about June 23, 2023 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Tarron H. Conwell did knowingly flee from Carter Smithson and/or Timothy J. Mitchell, a law enforcement officer, after said officer identified himself by visible or audible means and visibly or audibly ordered Tarron H. Conwell to stop and in committing said act Tarron H. Conwell drew or used a deadly weapon, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-44.1-3-1(a)(3) and I.C. 35-44.1-3-1(c) (1)(B)(i) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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DELAWARE COUNTY) 2023 TERM

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW: Ron Halbert Jr. M/Trp/Det. Indiana State Police, a police officer of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, 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 herein after stated, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of establishing probable cause for said arrest.

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Tarron Hayden Conwell D.O.B. 12/29/2003

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 3608 S. Mock Avenue, Muncie, IN

DATE OF ARREST: 6-23-2023 TIME OF ARREST: 7:42 AM PM

Table with 5 columns: CHARGES, class, Felony/Misdemeanor, and checkboxes. Rows include Attempted Murder, Criminal Recklessness with a deadly weapon, Resisting Law Enforcement w/using deadly weapon, and Possession of marijuana with prior conviction.

The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said arrestee committed the aforesaid offense(s) in Delaware County, State of Indiana, are as follows:

On 6-23-2023, the Delaware County Sheriff's Department was searching for this suspect for an alleged prior crime. The Sheriff's Department Investigators located this suspect outside his residence located at 3608 S. Mock Avenue, Muncie, Indiana. When Deputies went to arrest this suspect, the suspect fled on foot from Deputies, ignoring verbal commands, and while fleeing, drew a concealed handgun and began to fire several rounds at pursuing Deputies. One pursuing Deputy's marked police vehicle was struck by the suspect's gunfire and other Deputies on foot were shot at also. A subsequent search of the suspect's residence, via search warrant, revealed the presence of suspected marijuana and other firearms.

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

DATE: 6-26-2023 Officer: M/Trp./Detective Ron Halbert Jr. [Signature]

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 bail in the penal sum of \$ 165,000 cash only bond doubled to \$330,000 cash

Dated: 6/26/23 Signed: [Signature] Title: Col Judge

PRE-INITIAL HEARING INFORMATION

Pre-initial Hearing Date: Charges to be filed by Date: 7/17/23 Time: 1pm

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