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TEEN FOUND GUILTY OF SHOOTING MAN EIGHT TIMES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Tevin L. Williams, 19, of Springfield, MO was convicted Thursday by a Greene County Jury for shooting a man eight times in the parking lot of a Norton Road apartment complex on May 1st, 2013. Williams was found guilty of Assault in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action. The jury deliberated for just over three hours before returning its verdict.

In addition to hearing testimony of the investigating officers, the State presented the testimony of two reluctant lay witnesses, including the victim. These two witnesses had to be held in custody on Material Witness Warrants ordered by the Court to secure their testimony. The evidence presented was that the female lay witness had been present at her paramour's residence when the paramour gave a gun to his cousin – the Defendant Williams. Williams then left but later returned to the residence with the gun stating that he had emptied it and he thought the victim was dead.

The jury trial was presided over by The Honorable Michael J. Cordonnier. The defendant is subject to a sentence of 10 to 30 years or life in the Missouri Department of Corrections on the assault count and a minimum of three years on the armed criminal action count. Judge Cordonnier set a sentencing hearing for November 7th, 2014 following a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole. Williams is being held in the Greene County Jail without bond.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney James Whiteside. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Kevin Shipley was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 05-02-13 Case #: 13-17341

I, Kevin Shipley, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that Tevin L. Williams, black/male, DOB 03-02-95, SSN _____, committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 05-01-13@0259 hours at 1026 W. Norton in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On Wednesday, 05-01-13 at approximately 0259 hours SPD Patrol Officer Dak Henning was dispatched to a report of a male subject being shot on the parking lot at 1116 E. Norton, however the crime scene was later determined to be in the parking lot behind 1026 W. Norton (Fairview Studio Apartments).

Shortly after Officer Henning's arrival the shooting victim was located inside of apartment #608 at 1026 W. Norton where he observed a black male, later determined to be shooting victim John D. Lee sitting on the floor and bleeding from several visible injuries that were consistent with gunshot wounds.

While medical personnel were assisting the shooting victim inside of the apartment, Officer Henning followed the blood trail south from apartment #608 to the parking lot located on the east side of the apartment building where he located a clear baggie containing a crystal like substance, clear baggie containing marijuana buds and ten shell casings lying on the lot.

Upon SPD Patrol Officer Ken Clayton arriving at the scene of the shooting, he contacted witness Jedidia A. Tonyan, who indicated that while standing on the second floor balcony outside of apartment #424 he saw three black males wearing dark baggy clothing running northbound from underneath the I44 overpass bridge on Broadway.

Witness Tonyan informed Officer Clayton that it appeared two of the black males were chasing the third black male, who was possibly wearing a red shirt and they ran onto the parking lot located on the southeast corner of the apartment complex.

Witness Tonyan further informed Officer Clayton that when the three males ran onto the lot it appeared the two black males chasing the third black male started shooting at him, at which time he heard seven to nine gunshots and the victim fell to the ground in the middle of several parked cars.

Witness Tonyan advised Officer Clayton that when the shooting started he went into his apartment, due to the fact he was afraid of getting shot and upon coming back out he no longer observed the three black males and observed an unknown make/model, two door silver vehicle speeding northbound off the apartment complex property.

Upon SPD Patrol Officer Jason Carter arriving at the scene of the shooting, he responded to apartment #608 where while the shooting victim was being treated by medical personnel, he contacted apartment resident Tess Jauregui.

Jauregui informed Officer Carter that the victim had come to her apartment to visit and while there he used

her phone to call a person named "Nick", however indicated she didn't know "Nick" or what they were discussing.

Jauregui informed Officer Carter that after the victim got off the phone, he went outside to meet "Nick" on the parking lot where she heard several gunshots and the victim came running back into her apartment where he fell onto the floor bleeding and she called 911 for medical assistance.

SPD Patrol Officer Mike Evans responded to Mercy Hospital at 1235 E. Cherokee where he contacted shooting victim John Lee and while Lee was being treated by medical staff, he took photos of the following bullet wounds to his body: wound left side of forehead, wound left cheek, wound left thigh, entry/exit wounds to left and right buttock, wound left side of pelvis and entry/exit wound to right hand.

Prior to the shooting victim being taken into surgery, Officer Evans was also able to get a brief statement from him, at which time he claimed to have been shot by a mixed raced male with a name similar to "Trevan", who was with a white male named "Nick", who either took him to buy cigarettes or was suppose to and they were driving a brown Ford Explorer.

Through SPD resources, I knew of a mixed raced male named Tevin L. Williams, who was reported to have been involved in several past gun-related incidents and frequently drove a tan colored, 1997 Ford Explorer that belonged to his girlfriend, Courtney Richardson.

I also received a call from an unknown female, who requested to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation, but indicated she had information related to the shooting of victim John Lee. The caller claimed that she had been informed by a female acquaintance, whose name she refused to provide had informed her that Tevin Williams and a black male known as "Bucky" from Memphis (Tn.) were responsible for shooting the victim. The caller further indicated that the victim and "Bucky" didn't get along, but didn't know the cause of their problems with one another.

On Thursday, 05-02-13 after being advised by Mercy Hospital medical staff that shooting victim John Lee's condition had improved from the previous day and that he was now alert and able to communicate, fellow SPD Robbery-Homicide Detective Kent Shipley and I responded to the hospital where we contacted the victim.

Victim Lee confirmed that prior to the shooting he was at Tess' apartment where he was talking via phone with "Nick" and shortly after their phone conversation he met "Nick" on the parking lot where "Nick" drove him to purchase cigarettes at a nearby convenience store and that "Nick" was driving a silver colored vehicle.

Victim Lee informed me that upon them returning to the apartment complex, he exited Nick's vehicle onto the SE parking lot where he was approached from behind by the young, mixed race male shooter, who called him some derogatory names and then "swung on him" with his fist, at which time he started striking the suspect with his fist and the suspect pulled out a handgun.

Victim Lee informed me that upon observing the gun, he started running through the lot toward the apartment buildings (westbound) and the suspect started shooting him with the unknown type handgun, at which time he fell to the ground and upon getting up he ran to Tess' apartment where she called 911.

Victim Lee claimed that he didn't observe if anyone else was with the shooter or why the suspect would have wanted to shoot him and claimed to have never had any past problems with the suspect.

Victim Lee indicated he wasn't sure if "Nick" was involved in the incident, but believed the shooter was trying to rob him and claimed that lots of people believe he has money, however indicated that wasn't true.

Victim Lee indicated that he didn't observe where the shooter approached him from or what type of vehicle he had possible arrived in, but claimed to have observed the suspect on the "north side" of the city several times in the past, knew his first name was something similar to "Trevin or Trevan" and he routinely drove a brown in color Ford Explorer that belonged to an unknown female.

At my request Detective Kent Shipley showed the shooting victim a photo line-up that I had prepared by our SPD-ISS staff that contained a photo of possible shooting suspect Tevin Williams. After briefly viewing the

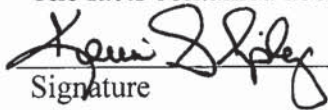
photos contained in the lineup, the victim pointed to the photo of Tevin Williams and indicated that he was positively the person that shot him.

I then contacted suspect Tevin L. Williams at the Greene County Jail where he had been transported-booked the previous evening on a confirmed traffic warrant. During an audio-video recorded, post Miranda interview, Tevin denied knowing the victim or any involvement in the shooting.

Tevin initially claimed he was in jail on the date of the shooting, however upon informing him the shooting occurred approximately fourteen hours before he was arrested, he claimed at the time of the shooting he was at his cousin "Dewezy" residence, but claimed that he didn't know his cousin's real name, address or phone number.

Upon asking Tevin how I was suppose to confirm his reported alibi for the time of the shooting when he was unable to provide me with any information on how to contact his cousin, he informed me that he believed he needed to speak with an attorney and the interview was ended.

The facts contained above are true.


Signature


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