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6/26/07 Khalif McDuffy Sentenced to Life in Jail for First-Degree Murder

MEDIA - Assistant District Attorney Mark Fetterman, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Khalif McDuffy on the charge of first-degree murder for the stabbing death of Kareem Johnson. McDuffy and Johnson were involved in a fight a few days before the murder. While on the trolley from Philadelphia to Delaware County, McDuffy repeatedly stabbed Johnson and kicked his body into the intersection of Chester Avenue and Church Road. Following a jury trial, McDuffy was convicted of first-degree murder. McDuffy received a mandatory life sentence.

6/25/07 Chester Man with a Sweet Tooth Convicted of Robbery

MEDIA - Assistant District Attorney Mark Fetterman, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Malik Lawler. Lawler, after making his candy selection at a store in the City of Chester, robbed two females at gunpoint. A jury convicted Lawler of robbery, criminal conspiracy to robbery, theft by unlawful taking, access device fraud, simple assault and harassment. Lawler was sentenced to four to eight years at a state prison with five years of consecutive state probation

6/21/07 Convicted Chester Drug Dealer Faces Minimum of 5 Years Imprisonment for Drug Trafficking

MEDIA – Assistant District Attorney James Halligan, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Darryl Shelton on the charge of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. At trial, Assistant District Attorney Halligan presented evidence that Shelton was in possession of a pellet gun while drug trafficking in the City of Chester. The jury convicted Shelton of possession with the intent to deliver the controlled substance. District Attorney Katayoun Copeland praised Halligan's relentless efforts in prosecuting a drug dealer who was in possession of a gun within a school zone. Because Shelton was in possession of a gun, Shelton faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years of imprisonment. Shelton's sentencing is scheduled for September 5, 2007.

6/19/07 Healthcare Worker Who Stole from Handicapped and Elderly Receives State Prison Sentence

MEDIA - Deputy District Attorney Gregory Hurchalla, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Antoinette Colclough on charges of theft by deception, identity theft and access device fraud. A healthcare worker, Colclough stole \$28,900 from her clients, including a 49-year-old paraplegic, a mentally disabled man and an elderly woman. Colclough plead guilty to the charges of felony identity theft and felony access device fraud and

was sentenced to fifteen to thirty months at a state correctional facility. As a part of her sentence, Colclough must pay \$28,900 in restitution and may never return to the healthcare field or to caring for the elderly.

6/18/07 Chester Drug Dealer Sentenced to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 years of Imprisonment for Drug Trafficking

MEDIA - Assistant District Attorney Mary Mann, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Jesus Martinez on several charges of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. Martinez was convicted on two counts of drug trafficking and was sentenced to seven and half years to fifteen years of imprisonment followed by five years of state probation. Assistant District Attorney Mann believes this sentence sends a message to Martinez, a notorious and prolific Chester drug dealer.

6/15/07 Parents Sentenced to 18 Months Probation for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

MEDIA - Assistant District Attorney Michael Donohue, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Brenda and Stephen Ober. Brenda and Stephen Ober furnished alcohol to minors while hosting a sleepover for their sixteen-year-old daughter. Norwood Police Officers discovered numerous intoxicated teens at the Ober household. Police immediately arrested Brenda and Stephen Ober and charges them with furnishing alcohol to minors and corruption of minors. Brenda and Stephen Ober both plead guilty to corruption of minors and were sentenced to eighteen months of probation.

6/12/07 Norwood Man Who Stole \$314,000 from 75-year-old Man is Re-sentenced to State Prison

MEDIA - In 2005, Deputy District Attorney Gregory Hurchalla, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Sonny Stanley on charges of theft by deception and criminal conspiracy to theft by deception. Stanley stole \$314,000 from a 75-year-old man in Delaware County. Stanley plead guilty to the theft charges and was sentenced to a probationary term so that his victims would receive full restitution. Subsequently, Stanley was charged with stealing \$100,000 from a 98-year-old woman in New Jersey. Deputy District Attorney Hurchalla hauled Stanley back into Delaware County Court and argued that Stanley violated his probation by committing yet another heinous act against an elderly person. The Court agreed and resentenced Stanley to sixteen to thirty-two months in state prison followed by four years of state probation. The sentence will be consecutive to any sentence imposed by a New Jersey court.

6/12/07 Ali Boston Convicted for Third-Degree Murder

MEDIA - Assistant District Attorney Mary Mann, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Ali Boston on the charges of third-degree murder, aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm without a license. Boston was involved in a fight at a Darby Township bar. Boston exited the bar with revenge on his mind. Boston shot at individuals he believed were responsible for his beating. Sean Russell, an innocent bystander who was simply standing outside, was shot in the chest. Russell died. Another victim suffered a graze wound to the head. A third victim suffered shots to his buttocks. A jury convicted Boston of third-degree murder for the killing of Sean Russell, two counts of aggravated assault and possession of a firearm without a license. When sentenced, Boston faces a maximum sentence that could exceed forty years.

6/08/07 Two Men Sentenced for Involvement in Home Invasion and Gunpoint Robbery

MEDIA - Assistant District Attorney Brian Doherty, on behalf of District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Raheem Holliday and Wilbert Marshall on the charges of robbery and criminal

conspiracy to robbery for committing a home invasion gunpoint robbery. Holliday and Marshall plead guilty. Judge Frank T. Hazel sentenced each defendant to three to ten years in state prison followed by five years consecutive state probation for the robbery charge and to concurrent terms of two to four years in state prison for the charge of criminal conspiracy.

6/06/07 Yeadon Drug Dealer Faces Three Years of Imprisonment for Drug Trafficking

MEDIA- Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Wills, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Askia Hamilton on the charge of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. Police executed a search warrant at Hamilton's home and recovered 40 bags of cocaine. A jury convicted Hamilton of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. Hamilton faces a mandatory minimum sentence of three years of imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for July 23, 2007.

6/01/07 Yeadon Man's Reign of Terror Ends

MEDIA - Assistant District Attorney Lynorr Hiller, on behalf of District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Eric Goodwin on five separate cases. Goodwin repeatedly beat his wife and son. Goodwin's violent tirade also targeted his neighbors. Goodwin also committed a robbery. A jury convicted Goodwin of four counts of simple assault, one count of robbery, one count of terroristic threats and one count of harassment. Sentencing is scheduled for July 2, 2007.