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Four Individuals Indicted for Murder in Monroe County

Rochester, NY- A Monroe County Grand Jury has indicted four individuals on charges of Second Degree Murder in separate incidents this week.

Daniel Williams Jr., 17, is indicted on charges of Murder in the Second Degree for his involvement in the August 24th shooting death of 28 year old Walter Smith in the City of Rochester. On that date, Smith was seated in a car in front of a residence located at 10 Elba Street when he was allegedly approached by Williams and shot at close range. Smith was pronounced dead at the scene.

Williams will be prosecuted for the People by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan of the Major Felony Bureau. He is being held in Monroe County Jail without bail and will be arraigned before Judge John Demarco on October 9th.

Victor Crawford, 34, of Rochester is indicted on charges of Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree for his role in the September 1st slaying of 25 year old Aston Spalding outside of the *This Is It* Jamaican-American Restaurant at 211 Genesee Street. On that date at approximately 4:20pm, Crawford and an accomplice allegedly approached the victim with handguns and fired several times each as the victim stood outside the restaurant talking with others. Spalding suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Crawford, who will be arraigned on October 10th, is remanded to the Monroe County Jail on \$250,000 bail or \$500,000 bond. He will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Brian Green of the Major Felony Bureau.

Anthony Morgan, 22, is indicted on charges of Murder in the Second Degree and Assault in the First Degree for his role in the death of an infant in August of 2008. Morgan is accused of throwing 14-month-old Ramon Rodriguez against a hard surface, fracturing the victim's skull and leading to his death days later. The Assault charge stems from an injury that the defendant is accused of inflicting upon the child prior to the second, fatal injury. Morgan is currently serving

time in the Orleans County Correctional Facility on robbery charges but will be transported for arraignment on October 21st. Morgan is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Andra Ackerman, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Trial Division.

Maurice Faison, 23, is indicted on charges of Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and Criminal Obstruction Of Breathing Or Blood Circulation- Apply Pressure, for his role in the September 3rd death of his 9 month old son, Tristan Jordan Faison. On that date, the baby's mother found him unresponsive in his crib in the couple's home on Hartsen Street after the infant had been left in Faison's care. The Monroe County Medical Examiner ruled the cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the head. Morgan is being prosecuted by Deputy Bureau Chief Andra Ackerman and will be arraigned on October 10th.

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