



PRESS RELEASE

Bond Denied for Warren Homicide Suspect – Incident occurred in parking of Warren business

The Warren Police Department would like to provide an update regarding a homicide which occurred Saturday (12/21/2024) at approximately 10:40 pm. 45-year-old Al Williams of Hazel Park was arraigned this afternoon at the 37th District Court for his role in this incident.

On Saturday (12/21/2024) at approximately 10:40 pm, Warren Police Officers were dispatched to the Shell Gas Station (23008 Dequindre) regarding a shooting. Officers along with the Warren Fire Department arrived on scene and located a 38-year-old male from Utica with a gunshot wound to his chest area. Officers attempted life saving measures however sadly, the victim was later pronounced deceased after being transported to a nearby hospital. On scene during the investigation, officers learned that the victim worked across the street at a local restaurant and had walked to the Shell Gas Station to purchase a coffee. At the gas station, officers learned that Williams and the victim had a verbal argument. After the argument, both Williams and the victim went their separate ways. Approximately 15 minutes later, Williams returned to the gas station and located the victim who was still in the area. Williams then produced a handgun and struck the victim in the face with a physical altercation now ensuing. Williams eventually shot the victim one time in the chest. This incident was recorded on CCTV video which greatly assisted investigators. All indications are that Williams and the victim did not know each other.

After the shooting, Williams then fled the scene in his vehicle. Using various law enforcement investigative techniques, members of the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, and Special Operations Unit were able to quickly develop suspect information. Approximately 12 hours later, investigators were able to locate Williams' vehicle at a nearby hotel in Warren. Williams was then taken into custody shortly thereafter without further incident. Investigators were able to recover key evidence related to this tragic incident.

On 12/23/2024, the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office reviewed the facts and charges Williams with one count of second degree murder (life felony), one count carrying a concealed weapon (5 year felony), one count assault with a dangerous weapon (4 year felony), and two counts of felony firearm (mandatory 2 year felony).

Williams was arraigned at the 37th District Court in Warren before Visiting Judge Draper wherein a not guilty plea was entered. Bond denied with Williams being remanded to custody. His next court date is 01/02/2025. Williams has no major convictions on his criminal history.

There is no active threat to the community as Williams is the only suspect involved in this incident. This is still an open and active investigation with investigators continuing to examine additional pieces of information.



Al Williams, Warren PD Booking Photo

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