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Man Charged with Murder of Sister

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, 50 year old Zachary Holston III, was arraigned in connection with his half sister's death.

It is alleged that on Friday, May 26, 2023, Zachary Holston III of Farmington Hills, was exiting the family business in Sterling Heights and walking toward his vehicle when he was approached by the victim, her husband and daughter in the parking lot. Holston and the victim got into a verbal dispute. As Holston was getting into his vehicle the three family members approached the passenger door of his vehicle. A physical altercation occurred over paperwork located in the vehicle. Zachary drew his firearm and the victim drew her firearm. They exchanged gunfire and the victim was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

Zachary Holston III was arraigned on Second Degree Murder (life felony), and Felony Firearm (a two year mandatory prison sentence). He was arraigned in Shelby District Court in front of Magistrate Verploeg where bond was set at \$500,000.00 cash/surety, no 10% with bond conditions of a GPS tether with home confinement, a mental health evaluation and no contact with the victim's family or business. The probable cause hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm and the preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 15, 2023 at 9:00 am in Sterling Heights District Court in front of Hon. Annemarie Lepore.

"This is not the way for family to settle family business. Gun violence will never be tolerated in Macomb County. All disputes must be settled civilly between parties in or out of the courtroom, not on the streets. The loss of a life is always a profound tragedy, and it is especially disheartening when it occurs within the bonds of family. We extend our deepest condolences to the families affected by this devastating event, as they navigate through an unimaginable grief and loss that no words can adequately express. Thank you to the Sterling Heights Police Department who swiftly responded to this incident, ensuring that the responsible party was apprehended and will face the full weight of the justice system," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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