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Detroit man charged and arraigned for aiming gun at police officers

Mt. Clemens, MI - A Detroit man, age 29, was charged and arraigned today on nine counts in connection with aiming a gun at Warren police officers after an attempted traffic stop.

It is alleged that on Monday, January 2, 2023 Willie Lee Allen fled Warren Police on Eight Mile Road after an attempted traffic stop. After fleeing, Allen crashed into another vehicle and fled on foot. Officers pursued and Allen turned, and pointed a gun at the officers. A Warren Police officer in fear for his life, fired his weapon at Allen. No one was injured in the incident. Allen was out on a personal bond from pending criminal charges in Wayne County.

“Thank God no one lost their life with this felon possessing a gun. It’s illegal and will be charged in Macomb County,” said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

Willie Lee Allen is charged with fleeing a police officer third degree (5 year felony), firearm possession by a felon (5 year felony), assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer (2 year felony), three counts of felony firearm (2 year felony), assault with a dangerous weapon (4 year felony), carrying a concealed weapon (5 year felony), and operating with a suspended license (93 day misdemeanor). Additional charges may be added after forensic evidence results are received.

Today, Allen was arraigned in Warren District Court in front of Chief Judge John Chmura in the Warren 37th District Court. Macomb County Assistant Prosecutor and Chief of the Warrant Division J.P. Hunt spoke on behalf of the people to ensure the safety and security of the community. Chief Judge Chmura agreed with Hunt that the defendant was a flight risk and a danger to society. He set the bond at \$1 Million cash/surety, no 10%.

The probable cause hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 9:30am and the preliminary exam will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 9:30pm. Both will be held in front of Chief Judge Chmura in Warren District Court.

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

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