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Couple Arraigned in Shooting at Party

Mt. Clemens, MI - On Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Darius Smith, age 33, and Ashley Smith, age 31, were arraigned in connection with a shooting in Eastpointe.

It is alleged that on Monday, March 27, 2023 Darius Smith and Ashley Smith of Fraser were at a residence in Eastpointe. The couple left the party and were outside the residence. The victim left the party shortly after through the side door. Darius Smith had a gun and fired at the victim. There was an exchange of gunfire and the couple left in their vehicle.

Darius Smith was charged with Assault with Intent to Murder (Life Felony,) Felon in Possession of a Weapon (Five Year Felony,) Felon in Possession of Ammunition (Five Year Felony,) Carrying a Concealed Weapon in a Motor Vehicle (Five Year Felony,) Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Four Year Felony,) and two counts of Felony Firearm (Two Years Mandatory Felony.) Ashley Smith was charged with Accessory After the Fact (Five Year Felony,) and Lying in a Violent Crime Investigation (Four Year Felony.)

"This is another senseless instance of gun violence. My office will charge all gun cases. This violence must stop in Macomb County," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Smiths were arraigned in Eastpointe District Court. Magistrate Mark Makowski set bond for Darius Smith at One Million dollars cash/surety and upon release he must wear a steel cuff GPS tether, have no contact with the victim, and not leave the State of Michigan. Magistrate Makowski set bond for Ashley Smith at \$25,000 cash/surety, 10% and upon release is to have no contact with Darius Smith.

Both defendant's Probable Cause Hearings are Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 8:00 am and the Preliminary Exams are scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 8:00 am in front of Eastpointe District Court Judge Kathleen Galen.

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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