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Carjacker's Bond Increased by Judge

Mt. Clemens, MI - Today, Sterling Heights District Court Judge Kimberley Wiegand increased the bond for Jason Graves who is accused of carjacking an elderly woman in Sterling Heights. Macomb County Prosecutor's Office charged and arraigned Jason Graves, 37 years-old, of Eastpointe with carjacking, a life offense, on Thursday, November 18, 2022.

It is alleged that on Saturday, November 12, 2022 Graves threw an elderly woman out of her car and stole her vehicle, a Jeep, in the Walmart parking lot on Mound in Sterling Heights. A few hours after the carjacking, police officers found the stolen Jeep parked at a Super 8 Motel. When police officers attempted to apprehend and arrest the suspect one officer who feared for his life had to fire his weapon at the suspect. The suspect drove north on Van Dyke and crashed into an uninvolved vehicle near 15 Mile Road. Officers arrested the accused at the scene of the accident. The defendant was not injured.

Graves was charged with carjacking, a life offense, fleeing and eluding third degree, a five year felony, felonious assault, a four year felony, and resisting and obstructing, a two year felony. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Wiegand in Sterling Heights District Court. Judge Wiegand set a \$20,000 cash/surety bond, no 10% on November 18, 2022. Today, Macomb County Assistant Prosecutor Kumar Palepu argued to have the bond increased. Judge Wiegand increased the bond to \$75,000 cash/surety, no 10%. If the bond is met, the defendant will be required to have a GPS tether and no contact with the victim.

The Probable Cause Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 10:30am in front of Judge Wiegand via Zoom. The Preliminary Examination is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 10:45am with Judge Wiegand at the Sterling Heights District Court.

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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