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## Attorney General Requests Consolidation of Multiple Jurisdiction Crime Spree

Mount Clemens, MI - It is alleged that on Sunday, July 2, 2023, Rashad Trice assaulted his ex-girlfriend, kidnapped her two-year old daughter Wynter Cole-Smith, and stole her car in Ingham County. An Amber alert was issued. Early Monday, July 3, 2023, St. Clair Shores police attempted a traffic stop and Trice fled at a high rate of speed. After colliding with a St. Clair Shores police vehicle, Trice's car was disabled. When officers tried to get Trice out of the vehicle, he grabbed at an officer's gun, and resisted arrest but was eventually taken into custody. The little girl was found dead in Detroit on the evening of Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

In Macomb County, Rashad Trice is charged with Fleeing and Eluding in the Third Degree (five-year felony), Attempt to Disarm an Officer (five-year felony), Receiving and Concealing a Motor Vehicle (five-year felony), Assault with Dangerous Weapon (five-year felony), Resisting and Obstructing Causing Injury (four-year felony) and three counts Resisting and Obstructing a Police Office (two-year felonies). He will be arraigned in Macomb County at an undetermined date and time. Trice was arraigned for assault, kidnapping, and other charges in Ingham County and remained in an Ingham County jail without bond until transported to the federal courthouse, where the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan charged Trice with Kidnapping (20 year to life felony), and Kidnapping Causing Death (life without parole / death penalty eligible).

On the evening of Thursday, July 6, 2023 the Michigan Attorney General's Office requested the reports regarding Rashad Maleek Trice to prosecute Trice for all his crimes during the dates of July 2-3, 2023 from the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. Trice allegedly began his multiple county crime spree starting in Ingham County, extending to Wayne County and ending in Macomb County. The Department of Attorney General has statewide jurisdiction and can charge Trice on all crimes that occurred during his continuous criminal episode in one case. According to Michigan Statute MCL 762.8, "whenever a felony consists or is the culmination of two or more acts done in the perpetration of that felony, the felony may be prosecuted in any county where any of these acts were committed."

Prosecutor Lucido has agreed that the Attorney General's Office will take over this case to consolidate justice and reduce the painful burdens to the victims. Wynter Cole-Smith's mother and her family lived in

Ingham County where the case initially began, therefore, the case would be streamlined and minimize the inconvenience to the victim and her family combining all the cases in that county.

"In the wake of unspeakable tragedy and unimaginable pain, the decision for Attorney General Nessel to assume prosecution of this case across multiple counties brings consolidation of prosecution and compassion to the victim and her family. By consolidating resources, and a multi-county prosecution approach it will allow truth and justice to be pursued and bring about a resolution that will not only be fundamentally fair but offer solace to the victim's family," 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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