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**Grand jury indicts Tamena Strickland for the August 2, 2019 homicide of Deante Strickland**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a 14-count indictment against Tamena Strickland, 30, for intentionally causing the death of her brother 22-year-old Deante Strickland.

Tamena Strickland is charged with one count of murder with a firearm, two counts of attempted murder with a firearm, one count of assault in the first degree with a firearm, one count of assault in the second degree with a firearm, three counts of unlawful use of a weapon and six counts of recklessly endangering another person.

According to court documents, Portland Police responded to reports of a shooting at approximately 2 p.m. on August 2, 2019 in the 6200 block of Northeast 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Portland, Oregon.

When officers arrived, they located Mr. Strickland suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest, according to court documents. He died just north of the residence.

Officers also located two other individuals, a 25 year old woman and a 67 year old woman, suffering from gunshot-related injuries. Both were transported to the hospital.

According to court documents: law enforcement learned that Mr. Strickland and the 67 year old woman were inside the living room when the shooting occurred. The 25 year old victim, Mr. Strickland's cousin, told police that when she heard gunshots, she left her bedroom inside the residence and approached the living room where she saw her cousin, Tamena Strickland, aim a silver handgun in her direction and shoot her.

After the shooting, Mr. Strickland and the two other injured family members exited the residence, according to court documents.

The indictment further alleges that Tamena Strickland did unlawfully and recklessly create a substantial risk of serious physical injury to six separate people.

At approximately 7 p.m. on August 2, 2019, Tamena Strickland surrendered to the Portland Police Bureau with her attorney.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned the location of a vehicle associated with Tamena Strickland. Officers responded and located a black gun box on the front passenger seat floorboard, according to court documents.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office can confirm that a firearm was recovered as part of the investigation.

Tamena Strickland is scheduled to be arraigned on the indictment on August 13, 2019 in Courtroom #3 of the Multnomah County Justice Center.

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime. Tamena Strickland is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Due to the ongoing investigation, no additional details can be released at this time.

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