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Two men charged with murder following New Year's Eve shooting in Gresham, Oregon

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a four-count charging document against 18-year-old Zion Evans and 18-year-old Jacob Cadle for the alleged murder of 23-year-old Joshua Cermack and the attempted murder of 19-year-old Christian Stai.

Evans and Cadle are both charged with one count of murder in the first degree, one count of attempted murder in the first degree and two counts of robbery in the first degree with a firearm.

This investigation started on December 31, 2019 at approximately 8:15 p.m. when Gresham Police received information about an unconscious person inside a vehicle near the intersection of Northeast 188th Avenue and Northeast Irving Court in Gresham, Oregon.

According to court documents, officers located Mr. Cermack deceased inside the vehicle. He was in the driver's seat of the vehicle. Police found Mr. Stai seated in the passenger seat. Both men had been shot multiple times, according to court documents.

Investigators located multiple shell casings outside the vehicle, according to court documents.

During the investigation, detectives assigned to the Gresham Police Department and East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team learned that Mr. Stai had set up a drug transaction with a person named "Zion" and someone who used the online identity of "blunts0621," according to court documents.

Law enforcement identified "Zion" as 18-year-old Zion Evans and identified "blunts0621" as 18-year-old Jacob Cadle, according to court documents.

The East Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team executed a court-authorized search warrant in the 18500 block of Northeast Everett Street in Gresham on January 6, 2019 where they located and arrested Evans and Cadle.

According to court documents, when questioned, Evans told police that he and Cadle never intended to buy any drugs from Stai and instead intended to rob him. Evans also admitted to pulling out his handgun and shooting multiple times into the vehicle, according to court documents.

Court documents allege both suspects fired weapons.

This case is being investigated by the Gresham Police Department and the East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call Gresham Police at 503-618-2719.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Evans and Cadle are innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office works closely with the City of Portland's Office of Youth Violence Prevention and attends the bi-weekly Community Peace Collaborative meeting, which is a coalition of law enforcement throughout Multnomah County, service providers and community members who are focused on encouraging people to take a stand against gun violence.

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