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Cortez Wade receives a prison totaling approximately 18 years
for causing the death of D’Andre Dickerson

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 28-year-old Cortez Wade was sentenced to prison for causing the death of D’Andre Dickerson.

Wade is already serving a prison sentence following a conviction in Oregon U.S. District Court.

For this Multnomah County conviction, the court imposed a 15 year prison sentence that started on March 9, 2020. This is in addition to a 32 month federal prison sentence being served concurrently. Combined, the prison time between the two jurisdictions is approximately 18 years.

“They say time heals all wounds. I’m convinced that was said by someone whose child wasn’t gunned down, executed and left lifeless, laying in his own blood in the street. In the rain and in the cold; with nobody there to help him – nobody there to try to save his life. It’s been 1,791 days you snatched the very life, the very breath of my only son, my only child from me, from his son and from his friends and family,” Keonna Jackson, Mr. Dickson’s mother said in an impact statement.

On March 4, 2020, Wade pleaded guilty to one count of manslaughter in the first-degree with a firearm and one count of criminal conspiracy to commit murder with a firearm.

This investigation started on April 14, 2015 when Portland Police responded to a shooting in the 6800 block of Northeast Claremont Avenue. When they arrived, officers located Mr. Dickerson, a Seattle resident, on the ground bleeding heavily from multiple gunshot wounds. He died on scene.

The Portland Police Bureau’s Forensic Evidence Division responded and collected sixteen 9 mm shell casings at the crime scene. Forensic testing indicated that two different guns were used.

By pleading guilty, Wade admitted that he caused the death of Mr. Dickerson.

For additional information on the federal cases, please check use the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system and search under case number 3:12-CR-00283-MO and 3:16-CR-00414-HZ.

The co-defendant in this case, 33-year-old Gary Lonell Black, is pending trial.

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.

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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. Black remains innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Portland Police Bureau for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

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, service providers and community members who are focused on encouraging people to take a stand against gun violence.

In August 2017, the Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative was formed in partnership the U.S. Attorney's Office, Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon State Crime Lab, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the ATF.

The Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative works with its partners to prevent violent crime by identifying perpetrators, linking criminal activities, and identifying sources of crime guns for immediate disruption, investigation, and prosecution.

For more information on the Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative, please click [here](#).

A photo released by Mr. Dickerson's family is included with this press release.



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