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Arraignment in Alleged Father's Day Homicide



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RICHARD DUCKETT, 20, of Cohoes, was arraigned on a sealed indictment before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

“I would like to thank the Albany Police Department and the U.S. Marshals for their investigation and diligence in pursuing the defendant in the indictment unsealed this morning. I

would also like to ask anyone with any information about this case to contact law enforcement,” commented Albany County District Attorney David Soares.

DUCKETT was previously indicted by a Grand Jury on (1) Count of Murder in the Second Degree, a Class A-1 Felony and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony.

The indictment alleges that on June 18, 2017, in the area of Delaware Street, in the City of Albany, DUCKETT intended to cause the death of an individual by means of shooting him with an unlicensed firearm.

DUCKETT pleaded not guilty to the charges and was remanded into custody pending a bail application.

Co-Defendants Jasmine Mingo, DUCKETT’S Mother, and Brittany Mingo, DUCKETT’S Aunt, were both previously indicted by a Grand Jury on (1) Count of Hindering Prosecution in the First Degree, a Class D Felony.

The indictment alleges that both Jasmine and Brittany Mingo intended to prevent, hinder or delay the apprehension of, or the lodging of a criminal charge against RICHARD DUCKETT, the person believed to have committed the Class A-1 Felony of Murder in the Second Degree, by providing DUCKETT transportation away from the area of the shooting and concealing him from law enforcement.

Brittany Mingo was arraigned before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court on July 28, 2017 and pleaded not guilty.

Jasmine Mingo was arraigned before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court on August 31, 2017 and pleaded not guilty.

No new appearance dates have been scheduled at this time.

Bureau Chief Jessica Blain-Lewis of the Street Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information please contact the Albany County District Attorney’s Office at AlbanyDA@albanycountyny.gov

***All parties are presumed innocent until
and unless proven guilty***

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