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Beloit Police Announce Arrest of Homicide Suspect **Updated with dates of community meetings**

June 14, 2021 - The Beloit Police Department is pleased to announce, Journee R. Weathers Jr., 19, of Beloit turned himself into the Rock County Sheriff's Office on Monday, June 14, 2021, and is currently in custody for first degree intentional homicide stemming from a June 7, 2021, shooting on Porter Avenue in Beloit.

A 25-year-old Beloit man, Dre Vian T. Allen, was killed in the homicide. His identity is being shared with permission from his next of kin.

The Rock County District Attorney's Office issued charges last week against three individuals involved in the shooting. The criminal complaint states that a dispute over payment for a vehicle started prior to the victim being fatally shot. A witness identified Weathers as the shooter.

With Weathers' arrest, all three suspects are in custody.

"I am pleased the suspects in this case turned themselves in and appreciate all of the efforts to facilitate this safe resolution," said Chief Andre Sayles. "Thank you to all of the members of the public who have provided information and tips to our investigators. Your assistance is very much appreciated. The collaboration with the community has allowed us to reduce crime, fear and disorder in the City of Beloit."

Elontae M. Phiffer, 18, of Beloit, and Damon E. Allen, 19, of Beloit, are also charged with first degree intentional homicide - PTAC, as a party to a crime. They turned themselves into the Rock County Jail on Friday.

"The Beloit Police Department will continue to work towards solving crimes with the assistance of our community partners," said Sayles. "It is a very important relationship to have when we work together to make Beloit safe and unified against violent crime."

If anyone has information to any other unsolved crimes, is asked to submit tips to the Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers at (608) 362-7463. Individuals can send an anonymous tip online using <u>P3TIPS.COM/482</u>.

The community is invited to two listening sessions this week as we work with neighborhoods to reduce violent crimes. Please join the City of Beloit Police Department and Community Action from 6-7:30 pm Tuesday, June 15, at Vernon Park or from 6-7:30 pm Wednesday, June 16, at Summit Park. Hot dogs, chips, and water will be provided.