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CO-DEFENDANT INDICTED BY GRAND JURY
AND CHARGED WITH HINDERING PROSECUTION
IN FATAL SHOOTING OF 14-YEAR-OLD AAMIR GRIFFIN
Queens Resident Faces Up to Seven Years in Prison if Convicted

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Tymirh Bey-Foster, 18, has been indicted by a Queens County grand jury and arraigned in Supreme Court on hindering prosecution charges for his role in the mistaken-identity killing of Aamir Griffin. The 14-year-old victim was gunned down on October 26, 2019. This defendant allegedly helped the accused shooter change his appearance to avoid capture and hid the murder weapon.

DA Katz said, "When our children go to the playground, there is an expectation that they will return home safe and unharmed. But on this sad day in October, an innocent child was shot and killed and this defendant is accused of helping the alleged shooter avoid arrest. This senseless gun violence must stop. And if you help someone who commits a heinous crime that takes a young life, you too will be held accountable."

Bey-Foster, of 160th Street in Springfield Gardens, was arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Holder on an indictment charging him with hindering prosecution in the first degree. Justice Holder set the defendant's return date for October 25, 2021. If convicted, Bey-Foster faces up to 2 1/3 to 7 years in prison.

According to the charges, around 8 p.m. on October 26, 2019, three shots were fired in the direction of the basketball courts at Baisley Park Houses in Jamaica, Queens. Aamir Griffin, who was playing basketball, was hit by a single shot in his upper chest. The alleged shooter was seeking to kill a rival gang member when he mistook the young victim for his intended target.

The bullet penetrated the youngster's upper chest and pierced both his lungs. Griffin was rushed to a nearby hospital but died as a result of the single gunshot wound.

Sean Brown is charged in the death of Aamir Griffin and, according to the indictment, soon after firing the fatal shots Brown went to the home of Bey-Foster, who allegedly gave Brown a change of clothes to disguise his appearance and offered him a bed to lay in after the deadly shooting.

Continuing, the DA said, during the investigation Bey-Foster allegedly implied in an intercepted telephone call that he had removed the murder weapon prior to police searching his home. He allegedly told the person he was speaking with that he hid the firearm inside another gang member's residence.

The investigation was conducted by Detective James Richardson and Detective Christopher Cruzado of 113th Detective Squad, Detective John McHugh of the Gun Violence Suppression Division and Detective David Pulice, of Queens South Homicide Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Barry Frankenstein, Section Chief, and Assistant District Attorney Diana Schioppi, of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, are prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Jonathan Sennett, Bureau Chief and Michelle Goldstein, Senior Deputy Chief and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations, Gerard Brave.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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