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SECOND SUSPECT IDENTIFIED IN 2017 MURDER OF WILBERT "BILLY" BUTLER

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a 29-count indictment against Joel Matthew McCool, Jr., 27, was unsealed following the defendant's arraignment in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

McCool is the second suspect charged in connection with the murder of 27-year-old Wilbert "Billy" Butler.

According to information previously released by the Portland Police Bureau, at 1:41 a.m. on September 17, 2017 officers responded to multiple reports of a shooting in the 3600 block of Southeast 28th Avenue. Officers arrived and located Mr. Butler suffering from critical injuries. Paramedics transported Mr. Butler to the hospital where he died. The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office determined Mr. Butler died of homicidal violence.

On March 30, 2018, members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested McCool in the 300 block of Marianna Street in Memphis, Tennessee. He was taken into custody without incident.

On July 5, 2018, McCool was booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center. Defendant was arraigned before Judge Ann Lininger at the Multnomah County Justice Center on July 6, 2018. A not guilty plea was entered on the defendant's behalf. His next court date is scheduled for July 16, 2018 for a probation violation on an unrelated case.

McCool is charged with one of count murder, one count of criminal conspiracy to commit murder, four counts of attempted aggravated murder, four counts of attempted assault in the first degree, 18 counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Case number 18CR05284 was filed as a secret indictment on January 22, 2018.

Lorenzo L. Jones, 44, was arrested on January 19, 2018 by members of the Eugene Police Department in Eugene, Oregon during a traffic stop. Jones is charged with one of count murder, one count of criminal conspiracy to commit murder, four counts of attempted aggravated murder, four counts of attempted assault in the first degree, 17 counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Case number 18CR04905 was also filed as a secret indictment on January 22, 2018. Jones' trial date is tentatively scheduled for September 2019.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Portland Police Bureau, U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force, U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, Eugene Police Department, Shelby County Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension Team (Tennessee), Oregon State Police, Oregon State Police Forensic Laboratory and the Lane County Sheriff's Office (Oregon) for their dedicated efforts working this criminal investigation.

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