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Grand Jury Returns Several Indictments on Various Violent Crimes Cases

The Madison County Grand Jury convened today and handed down indictments on various violent crimes investigations. Tray Chaney, 18, of Jackson, was indicted for first degree murder, attempted first degree murder, two counts of aggravated assault, aggravated robbery, employing a weapon during the commission of a dangerous felony and felony evading arrest. He continues to be held with no bond.

On October 11 around 2:15 p.m., Police responded to a wreck and shooting near the entrance of The Villages at 550 Old Hickory Blvd. The investigation has indicated that Chaney intentionally struck a vehicle that belonged to and was driven by his estranged girlfriend Daphne Rose Kenner, 18, of Jackson, and occupied by Kenneth Price, 21, of Jackson, on Old Hickory near The Villages. After the vehicles came to a stop, Chaney approached Kenner's vehicle on foot and shot her and Price. Chaney got back into his vehicle and fled on Old Hickory to Wallace then south. Chaney lost control and struck another vehicle near Wallace and Shady Lane. He stopped a silver van on Wallace and forced the driver, Devon Lewis, 28, of Memphis, and a passenger, Leeshaunte Patillo, 20, of Oakfield, out of the van at gunpoint allowing Patillo to grab her 9-month-old child before turning around and fleeing south on Wallace in the stolen van. Metro Narcotics Investigator Deputy Nathaniel Shoate was approaching on Wallace as the carjacking victims, still in the street, pointed out the van fleeing on Parkway. Shoate pursued and was shortly joined by Jackson police. The pursuit ended on West Park Place. Chaney ran into his residence at 163 West Park Place with the Deputy and officers in pursuit. Once inside, Chaney fired a shot and Deputy Shoate fired one shot. Chaney suffered a grazing gunshot wound to the scalp. Kenner died at the scene. Price was transported by ambulance to the Jackson-Madison-County General Hospital and later airlifted to the Regional Medical Center at Memphis for a gunshot wound to the head.

Edgar Hernandez, 24, of Jackson, was indicted for attempted first degree murder, two counts of aggravated assault, especially aggravated burglary, evading arrest and harassment. Investigation revealed that on September 17 Hernandez sent a text message that he was coming to kill his estranged wife's boyfriend, Steven Maitland, 25, of Medina. Around 3:50 a.m. Hernandez entered the Gregg Street home uninvited and attacked Maitland with a knife. He suffered injuries to his chest, left side, fingers and ear. Celina Hernandez, 31, of Jackson, intervened during the attack. She was stabbed in the right arm and Hernandez's wife suffered a sprained finger. Edgar Hernandez and Celina Hernandez are not related. Edgar Hernandez had left the scene prior to Officer's arrival. Shortly afterwards, he was arrested in north Jackson after a brief foot pursuit. He remains jailed on \$150,000 bond, as well as a hold by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Quintez Brown, 19, of Jackson, was indicted for especially aggravated robbery. The investigation thus far has shown that around 9:10 p.m. on September 27, Brown and a second unidentified man approached a 21-year-old man whose car had stalled in the 100 block of Glass Street. Brown shot him once in the lower back and they took his money. Brown was arrested by Jackson police on October 10. He remains jailed on \$150,000 bond.

