

DETROIT: CLASSMATE CHARGED IN MARCH KILLING OF TEEN

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It began with a nasty stare-down in a Detroit high school hallway.

It ended with gunfire on a west-side street and the death of a 19-year-old Cody High School student.

In between, there were fisticuffs inside Cody, a school suspension and a gun.

By mid-morning March 31, Jamal Hurt lay dead on the 8300 block of Auburn.

On Wednesday, Hurt's schoolmate, **Kevin Daniel**, now 18, was bound over to trial on first-degree murder and other felony charges in connection with the slaying.

While the shooting was not as public as the recent Ford High School shootings that left a teen dead and three others wounded, testimony during Wednesday's hearing revealed the March slaying - like last week's - stemmed from a brawl inside the school.

"The motive in this case was revenge," Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lawrence Talon told 36th District Judge Izetta Bright before she found probable cause to send Daniel to trial. He is to be arraigned next Wednesday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Hurt's friend Marquon Watson, 19, began the preliminary examination by testifying that he and Daniel began fighting in the school hallways just after 9 a.m. and his friends Hurt and Leonard Bell pulled him away.

Watson said the fight began after he and Daniel exchanged stares in school.

"He was looking at me, all mean," Watson said. "I looked at him the same way. I stopped and he stopped."

Watson said he took off his jacket and threw the first punch.

By the time the fight ended, Watson said, he was suspended from school and his mother, Lakeisha Stanton, picked him up.

Watson said he and his mother picked up his cousin and they drove to his grandmother's house on Auburn and parked in front. A few minutes later, Hurt and Bell showed up in another car, got out and walked toward Watson when four men in a Ford Focus drove by, Watson said.

Seconds later, the Focus turned around and Watson testified that he saw Daniel rise up from the backseat and open fire. He said three bullets struck his mother's red Chevrolet Cavalier. Watson said he sped off and returned to the scene minutes later to learn that Hurt had been struck and killed.

Stanton wept and took deep breaths as she described a similar scene.

Lastly, Detroit Police Investigator Ira Todd testified that Daniel confessed to the shooting while in custody.

Todd, reading from Daniel's statement, said Daniel told him Hurt, Bell and Watson beat him up in school.

"Look at my face," Todd said Daniel told him.

According to Todd, Daniel said he left school and went home to retrieve a .40-caliber Glock, but only intended to scare Watson and the others.

"I didn't mean to kill anyone," he said to Todd. Daniel is being held in the Wayne County Jail.

"He was looking at me, all mean.

I looked at him the same way."Marquon Watson, 19, describing a stare-down he had with **Kevin Daniel** at Cody High School.

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