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WARREN — Police have arrested a suspect they believe is involved with the January abduction and murder of a Warren man.

Herbert Jamel Witherspoon, 31, of Detroit, was arraigned in 37th District Court today, Police Commissioner William Dwyer said in a statement issued today.

Witherspoon has been charged with 11 felonies, including murder, kidnapping, home invasion, felony firearm possession and auto theft. The murder and kidnapping charges carry penalties of up to life in prison without parole.

The suspect pleaded not guilty and was remanded to the Macomb County Jail in lieu of no bond. He is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary exam on Sept. 16, Dwyer said.

Police believe **Witherspoon** and several others kidnapped Rico White, his girlfriend and their two children at gunpoint from their home in the 27700 block of Gail Street on Jan. 15. Robbery appears to be the motive, police said.

The suspect held the family for more than 24 hours and then released the children and their mother in the Gateshead and Canyon area in Detroit.

Police found White's body on Giese Street west of Van Dyke at 10:15 a.m. the next day. He had been shot multiple times in the head, according to officials.

Authorities continue to investigate the case.

There is a \$4000 Reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the other suspects in the crime, Dwyer also said.

Anyone with information about the crime should call Warren Police Detective Keith Keitz at (586) 574-4792 or (586) 574-4810.

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