

## **Detroit officer describes fatal ambush**

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**DETROIT** -- The bullet from the assault rifle came in an instant and without warning, but it has changed Police **Officer** Lloyd Todd's life forever.

The 34-year-old **officer** was at the wheel of an unmarked police car during the Dec. 5 pursuit of a van carrying suspected kidnappers on **Detroit** 's east side. On Westphalia, the van slowed and gunfire rained from one of its rear windows.

"I remember seeing sparks and hearing almost like rocks hitting the car," **Officer** Dave Pomeroy, Todd's partner, testified Tuesday in **Detroit** 's 36th District Court.

A bullet hit Todd in the right eye. He lost the eye and the left side of his body is paralyzed, family members said.

Pomeroy testified in the preliminary examination of four of the five men accused of kidnapping a **Detroit** woman and her 12-year-old son on Dec. 5 and then killing **Officer** Shawn Bandy and wounding Todd and other **officers** .

Charged with murder, kidnapping and other related charges are James Langford, 24 Montez Moore, 26 Thomas Culbreth, 20 D'Andre Coffee, 25 and Eugene Childrey, 18, all of **Detroit** . Childrey is testifying against his co-defendants as part of a plea agreement.

Lawyers for the other four defendants grilled Childrey and charged he was lying to get a better deal with prosecutors.

Afterward Todd's sister, Genet Barthwell, said she was thankful her brother survived, but was angry at the defendants.

"What quality of life he will have I don't know," she said. "I don't know if he will ever be able to dress himself. ... And (the defendants) don't seem to care. They're over there snickering."

The hearing resumes today.

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