

## **5 NEW MEN CHARGED IN OFFICER'S KILLING SUSPECTED LEADER, ANOTHER REMAIN AT LARGE**

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Five men were named in murder warrants Thursday for the weekend ambush of Detroit Police Officer Shawn Bandy as authorities moved to dismiss charges against two other men.

Three of the suspects are in police custody, but the reputed leader and another man were being sought Thursday. Authorities say they believe at least one of them has left Michigan.

Charged on Thursday were **Montez Donyell Moore**, 26; James Langford, 24; Thomas Culbreth, 20; D'Andre Coffee, 25, and Eugene Childrey, 18. Coffee was named in another murder warrant in September, but details were not available Thursday.

There is "absolutely no doubt" of the five men's involvement in Bandy's death, Detroit Police Inspector Dennis Richardson said.

Langford, the suspected leader and the son of a retired Detroit police officer, and **Moore** were at large, authorities said. One is believed to be in the Detroit area. Federal officials are expected to be asked this morning to launch a nationwide search.

The five men are charged with first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, kidnapping, extortion, armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Culbreth, Coffee and Childrey are expected to be arraigned today. If convicted, all the men face mandatory sentences of life in prison without parole.

While the new warrants were being issued by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, Jamal Randle and Darryl Boggon were being cleared in the fatal shooting of Bandy and the wounding of two other officers. They also were cleared of the reported kidnapping and extortion in an abduction that led up to the slaying.

A motion to dismiss the charges was prepared Thursday but could not be heard because a broken water main forced the early closing of the Madison Center that houses Detroit 36th District Court.

With the motion expected to be granted this morning, Daniel Reid, Boggon's lawyer, said: "We're very happy. They finally did the right thing."

"We'd be happier if they'd done the right thing Wednesday, Tuesday or Monday," said Randle's lawyer George Lyons.

Boggon was released from custody Thursday afternoon.

Randle remained in the Wayne County Jail overnight in lieu of a \$5,000 bond pending a hearing this morning before Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylinski on a charge of violating his probation. Randle was serving a two-year probation for attempted sale of cocaine but allegedly failed to report.

Richard Padzieski, the prosecutor's chief of operations, defended the arrest and charging of Boggon and Randle as "the right thing, given all the information that was available at that time."

After new warrants were issued Thursday, Richardson, chief of the Violent Crimes Task Force and a key investigator in the Bandy case, said: "There's absolutely no doubt these are the people involved. I think the investigation is stronger than ever."

He said Langford and **Moore** must be arrested as quickly as possible: "I think that people brazen enough to shoot an armed police officer with an automatic weapon are a significant danger to our community."

The killing came Saturday night as police were investigating the reported drug-related kidnapping of a woman and her 12-year-old son.

When police spotted a white van fitting the description of the kidnap vehicle, a chase began. Gunfire from the van raked two police cars, hitting Bandy and Police Officer Lloyd Todd.

Bandy died of gunshot wounds to the head and Todd is hospitalized.

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Murder warrants

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Susan Bandy grieves Thursday during visitation for her son, Detroit Police Officer Shawn Bandy, 23, at a funeral home in Livonia. Dozens of Michigan officers attended. Bandy was shot Saturday by kidnapping suspects. Story on 15A.

RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

Former murder suspect Darryl Boggon, 34, of Detroit hugs daughter Dalana after being released Thursday by police. Story on 15A.

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