

MAN IS ACCUSED OF MURDER, KIDNAPPING - WARREN MAN WAS SLAIN IN JANUARY

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A Detroit man is behind bars after prosecutors charged him Wednesday with fatally shooting a 36-year-old Warren man in January and kidnapping the victim's family for more than a day.

Herbert Jamel Witherspoon, 32, faces up to life in prison after he was charged in 37th District Court in Warren with eight felony counts, including murder, kidnapping and home invasion.

Police say more people were involved and are offering a \$4,000 reward for information leading to their arrest and conviction.

Police said **Witherspoon** shot Rico White several times in the head in January.

Witherspoon is accused of breaking into White's house on Gail Street and abducting White, his girlfriend and their two children, ages 2 and 8, at gunpoint.

Police said **Witherspoon** terrorized the family for more than a day before releasing them near Gateshead and Canyon in Detroit.

White's body was found on a lot near Van Dyke and McNichols in Detroit.

Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer said his office will not give up until everyone involved is convicted.

"Our department will continue to aggressively investigate this abduction/homicide," Dwyer said. "We will utilize all the resources available to us to identify, arrest and prosecute the other suspects responsible for this crime."

White was ordered to stay in the Macomb County Jail without bail until his preliminary exam Sept. 16. The hearing is to determine if there is enough evidence for a trial.

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CAPTION: **Herbert Jamel Witherspoon**

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