

## Mother describes daughter's slaying

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DETROIT -- Pamela Martin awakened to gunfire ripping through her house.

After calling the police and watching a cloud of gunsmoke dissipate in her living room, Martin walked into the room where 8-year-old Brianna Caddell had been sleeping. There, Martin saw her daughter gasping for her last breaths.

"I heard her coughing, then she didn't cough no more," Martin said Wednesday during a preliminary examination for two men who acknowledged going to the house to avenge another killing on the city's streets.

"I didn't know at the time -- oh Jesus! -- I didn't know at the time my baby was gonna die," Martin said as she wept in a packed 36th District courtroom. **Antoine Lavelle Foote**, the 26-year-old who sprayed Martin's house, looked down briefly as she walked away to compose herself.

Brianna was one of 10 children who have been killed this year in the city, mostly from errant gunfire.

Judge Izzetta F. Bright ordered **Foote** and Karis Hampton, 23, to stand trial on murder and related weapons felonies in the April 10 killing.

**Foote** told police he shot into Martin's house as he attempted revenge on a man he blamed for killing his brother. Prosecutors ruled the man acted in self-defense and never filed charges. **Foote**'s target wasn't in the house at the time, but his van was parked in the driveway.

Hampton told police the men had been searching the neighborhood while smoking marijuana with his girlfriend.

By 1 a.m., **Foote** said Hampton encouraged him to open fire. But Hampton told police he never fired the .30-caliber firearm he had with him.

When **Foote** learned who died in the shooting, he said he asked for forgiveness from his girlfriend and the Lord. Both men added an apology at the end of their confessions to police.

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