

MURDER CHARGE BROUGHT IN CRASH - DETROIT MAN IS JAILED IN THE KILLING OF BOY, 11

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A 21-year-old Detroit man accused of killing an 11-year-old with a stolen car was charged Sunday in 36th District Court.

Rontae Hill was charged with open murder, felonious driving and receiving and concealing stolen property. He appeared via video feed before Magistrate Robert Costello, who set **Hill**'s bond at \$350,000.

Hill must pay \$35,000, or 10 percent, to be released. Should he post bail, he is not allowed in the east-side Detroit neighborhood where the crash occurred and cannot drive, Costello ruled.

Police say they believe **Hill** was driving a stolen Ford Taurus around 70 m.p.h. on Wednesday when he struck another car in the 20000 block of Andover. The Taurus collided with a Ford Expedition and spun, striking a parked Toyota Camry.

Nolan Middle School student Darrin Marshall was bouncing his basketball on the sidewalk on Andover when he was hit by the Camry. He died 40 minutes later at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. A second pedestrian who was injured has since been released from Children's Hospital.

Hill initially tried to flee the scene, police said, before members of Darrin's family caught and beat him. He was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital, then held in the Detroit Police Department's 11th (Davison) Precinct.

Prosecutors said they believe the theft of the car was drug related. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Tom Furtaw said officials are awaiting toxicology reports to determine whether **Hill** had any alcohol or drugs in his system at the time of the crash.

None of **Hill**'s family members were in the courtroom Sunday. **Hill** said little, and looked down at the floor during much of the four-minute proceeding.

Furtaw argued that **Hill** should not receive bail because of the seriousness of the crime. When Costello asked whether he had been convicted of a crime in the last two years, **Hill** said no.

As of Sunday evening, **Hill** had not posted bail, and was being held at the Wayne County Jail.

His preliminary exam is scheduled for Oct. 17.

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