

New charges emerge in vet slaying - Boy, 17, was found with drugs in raid 2 weeks before Iraq sailor's robbery, but he remained free, police say.

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DETROIT -- Police investigators reported Tuesday they found one of the three teenagers charged **in** the killing of an Iraq war veteran with 73 packets of cocaine, heroin and marijuana more than two weeks before the deadly robbery.

William Edward Johnson, 17, remained free after authorities found him with the drugs and \$225 **in** cash **in** a **New Year's Day** raid, according to court papers.

On Jan. 18, Terron Foster Bush, a Navy veteran, had just cashed a \$5,995 tax refund check when he was fatally shot and robbed of his money outside the Harper Check Cashing shop on Harper.

Police say Johnson and his 15-year-old brother, Steven James Johnson, robbed and killed Bush, 24, after their friend Duane Johnson tipped them off.

Duane Johnson, who is not related to the other Johnsons, is the son of Bush's tax preparer and was supposed to guide Bush to a store that charged more reasonable fees for cashing his check, police have said. Bush's cousin was shot **in** the spine during the robbery, police said.

All three are charged as adults with murder, assault and armed robbery and face up to life **in** prison if convicted. They remain **in** custody, held without bond.

A preliminary examination for all three Johnsons was rescheduled for Thursday **in** 36th District Court. On Tuesday, family members sobbed **in** court as **new** drug **charges** against William Johnson were read.

At one point, the teen put his hands on his head and lifted his bloodshot eyes toward the ceiling. His brother looked pained throughout the brief hearing.

The boys could be heard wailing as they left the courtroom.

Duane Johnson's mother, Bush's tax preparer, is not believed to be involved **in** the planned robbery, though the matter remains under investigation.

Police believe another man, identified only as "9-11," drove Steven and William Johnson to the shooting and provided them with a .38-caliber pistol. After the **slaying**, the Johnsons allegedly told police they gave 9-11 most of the cash and split \$1,000 between them.

Terron Bush joined the Navy and directed planes on the deck of an aircraft carrier during the war **in** Iraq. He was discharged **in** 2005 and worked as a security guard.

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