

Slain veteran ' was a man of honor ,' cousin says - Three Detroit teens arraigned on murder and armed robbery charges in death of young dad.

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DETROIT -- Terron Foster Bush tried to set the proper example, his cousin said.

After graduating from Pershing High School in 2001, Bush joined the Navy, directing planes on the deck **of** an aircraft carrier for the war in Iraq. When he came home in late 2005, Bush went to work **as a** security guard to keep others safe, Dwight Bush said.

"He **was a man of honor** ," Bush, 21, said. "Terron **was** like **a** father to me."

That's what made it all the more painful, Bush said, that his 24-year-old cousin **was** shot to death Thursday, allegedly by **a** 15-year-old who wanted to rob him **of a** tax refund.

Three Detroit teens were arraigned on murder and armed robbery charges Monday in the slaying **of** Terron Bush on Harper in Detroit. Gerald Bush, Dwight's brother, **was** shot in the attack and has **a** bullet lodged in his spinal cord, authorities said.

Steven James Johnson, 15, said little during his hearing in Detroit's 36th District Court on Monday. Investigators say he and his brother, William Edward Johnson, targeted Bush after Duane Johnson, 17, who is unrelated to the brothers and the son **of a** tax preparer, told him Bush **was** about to cash **a** \$5,995 refund check.

Duane Johnson allegedly said, "Some dude just got his check and it **was a** big one," investigators reported.

Another **man** , identified only **as** "9-11," allegedly gave Steven Johnson **a** .38-caliber pistol and told him to shoot anyone who looked like they had **a** weapon.

William Johnson, 17, took Bush's cash **as** the **veteran** pleaded for his life, police said. Despite that, Steven Johnson fired two more shots, killing Bush, authorities said.

After the Bushes were shot, investigators reported that the three Johnsons gave 9-11 the cash, and he gave them \$1,000.

Dwight Bush, who **was** at the shooting, said he has had nightmares about the bullets hitting him.

All three teens were ordered held without bond and have acknowledged their roles in the incident, according to court papers.

Police do not think the tax preparer knew **of** the planned robbery. They are investigating, however, whether other clients may have been robbed **of** refund checks.

Steven Johnson, 15, is being charged **as** an adult and, like the others, faces up to life behind bars.

"Mr. Bush honorably served his country in the Navy and **was** continuing to be **a** good citizen by filing his taxes," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy in **a** statement.

"This **was** an incredibly violent death that **was** ruthless and cold-hearted. We take the decision to try **a** juvenile **as** an adult very seriously. The facts make it clear that this is the appropriate decision."

Terron Bush had **a** 4-month-old daughter and **was** engaged, Dwight Bush said.

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