

Teens bound over for trial in slaying of Iraq vet

Detroit News, The (MI) - Friday, February 2, 2007

Author: The Detroit News ; Ronald J. Hansen

DETROIT - Three teenagers were ordered to stand **trial** Thursday on charges they murdered and robbed an **Iraq** war veteran **of** his tax refund.

Though a key witness disagreed with the alleged confession **of** the **teens** as to who the shooter was, 36th District Judge Donald Coleman ordered the case to **trial** .

Dwight Bush identified William Edward Johnson, 17, as the gunman who killed his cousin, Terron Foster Bush., as they stepped out **of** a check cashing store on Harper on Jan. 18.

Others have said Steven James Johnson, 15, William Johnson's brother, did the shooting.

Often combative during his testimony, Bush maintained the elder Johnson was the killer,

"Right there," Bush said, pointing to William Johnson. "He did the shooting!"

Bush said he was with his cousin when he died.

"I was talking to him," Bush said **of** Terron Bush. "He died on me **in** my hands."

Dwayne Johnson, who is not related to the other two, allegedly told police Steven Johnson wanted to take money from Bay-Bay's Dollar Store, which is operated by Dwayne Johnson's mother.

Dwayne Johnson told police that out **of** fear he instead told Steven Johnson that Bush was planning to cash a nearly \$6,000 refund check, investigators said.

All three teenagers face murder, robbery and assault charges.

They are charged as adults and face up to life **in** prison if convicted.

Edition: ONLINE

Section: Metro

Page: 00

Company Name: #keywords2#

Index Terms: MURDER ; TRIALS; YOUTH ; DETROIT

Record Number: det28114279

Copyright (c) The Detroit News. All rights reserved. Reproduced with the permission of Gannett Co., Inc. by NewsBank, inc.