

## **Court hearing delayed in slaying over tax refund**

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DETROIT - One of the three teens charged with killing an Iraq war veteran for his **tax refund** check was charged Tuesday with three additional drug-related felonies.

William Edward Johnson, 17, was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, heroin and marijuana.

A preliminary examination for all three teens **in the slaying** has been rescheduled for Thursday.

Police say Steven James Johnson, his brother, William, and another teenager robbed Terron Foster Bush on Jan. 18 after Bush cashed a \$5,995 **tax refund** check at a store on East Warren.

William Johnson repeatedly stifled tears as the new charges were read aloud **in** Detroit's 36th District **Court** .

A family member sobbed and ran out of the courtroom and William put his hands on top of his head and looked to the ceiling.

His brother, Steven, looked pained throughout the brief **hearing** as they left the courtroom. The boys could be heard wailing.

All three remain **in** custody, held without bond.

The Johnsons targeted Bush, 24, after the **tax** preparer's son, Duane Johnson, told them, "Some dude just got his check and it was a big one," investigators reported.

Duane Johnson, 17 and who is not related to the other Johnsons, was to guide Bush to a store that charged more reasonable fees for cashing his check, police said. His mother, Bush's **tax** preparer, is not believed to be involved **in** the planned robbery, though the matter remains under investigation.

All three Johnsons are charged as adults with murder and armed robbery and each faces up to life **in** prison if convicted.

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.

Bush's brother, Gerald Bush, was also shot **in** the attack and had a bullet lodged **in** his spinal cord, authorities said.

Terron Bush joined the Navy after graduating from Pershing High School **in** 2001, his family said. He directed planes on the deck of an aircraft carrier during the war **in** Iraq, and was discharged **in** 2005. He worked as a security guard and was engaged to be married. He had a 4-month-old daughter.

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