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Defendants Indicted for Fatal Shooting at Staten Island Recording Studio

Three defendants conspired to commit an armed robbery inside of a recording studio, fatally shooting 23-year-old Jahade Chancey during the attempted burglary

Staten Island, N.Y. — Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced two additional defendants have been arraigned on an indictment in which they are charged with second-degree murder and related charges for fatally shooting 23-year-old Jahade Chancey during an attempted burglary at a recording studio on Staten Island. A third defendant was indicted and arraigned separately last month, and his case is currently pending in Supreme Court.

“This brazen shooting tragically cut short the life of a young man and valued member of the local music community on Staten Island. Following a thorough investigation by my office and the NYPD, all three defendants in this case have now been indicted for second-degree murder and related charges stemming from the attempted armed robbery of a recording studio located on Van Duzer Street,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “Gun violence has no place in our communities, and my office will continue working tirelessly to hold these defendants fully accountable for their alleged actions as we seek justice for the victim and his loved ones in this tragic case.”

According to the indictment and documents filed in court, on or about the evening of January 16, 2021, defendant Charles Brooks, Darren Boyd, and Ming Liu went to Demonlow Studios, a recording studio located at 937 Van

Duzer Street on Staten Island. Brooks was armed with an assault rifle and Boyd was armed with a handgun. Brooks rang the Ring doorbell at the location and attempted to gain access to the studio by using the barrel of his rifle to wedge the door open. There were numerous individuals inside the location who blocked the door. When Brooks could not gain access, his co-defendant, Boyd, began shooting into the location. When they began to flee, the co-defendant fired two more rounds through the window of the location. One of those rounds struck and killed the victim, Jahade Chancey.

Defendants Boyd and Liu were arraigned today before Judge Marina Cora Mundy in Staten Island Supreme Court on an indictment in which they are charged with Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree and related charges. The defendants were ordered held without bail. A third defendant, Charles Brooks, was indicted and arraigned separately last month, and his case is currently pending in Supreme Court.

The case is being prosecuted by ADA Carrie Low and ADA Michele Molfetta, Chief of the Narcotics-Investigations Bureau.

The charges contained in the indictment are merely allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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