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MAN CONVICTED IN DECEMBER SHOOTING AT TOYS R US

- Prosecutor Leyton Said Incident Caused Fear Among Shoppers and Investigation Proved Difficult Due to 'Don't Snitch' Mentality

FLINT – A 19-year-old Flint man has been convicted in the December shooting in the parking lot of the Toys R Us store on Linden Road in Flint Township.

Daquarius Quantri Fisher (d.o.b. 4-9-1997) plead guilty today to Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder naming three individual victims and Felony Firearm. The December 7, 2015 shooting resulted in a minor injury to one victim and left shoppers with an uneasy feeling about safety in the area.

“Thankfully, no one was seriously injured in this shooting but the real harm was to the retailers in that entire shopping district on Linden and Miller Roads,” said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton.

“You have to remember that this occurred in early December during the height of the holiday shopping season in one of the busiest retail centers in all of Genesee County,” said Prosecutor Leyton. “We cannot have such behavior cast a shadow of fear among consumers that this might be an unsafe area in which to shop and dine,” he said.

Fisher was originally charged with three counts of Assault with Intent to Murder and

three counts of Felony Firearm. Prosecutor Leyton said that the police investigation and prosecution efforts were greatly hampered due to uncooperative witnesses who failed to appear at the preliminary examination and who were not being fully cooperative as the case proceeded to trial.

“We see this so-called ‘Don’t Snitch’ mentality far too often in these types of cases involving shootings and possible drug activity and witnesses with their own criminal history,” said Prosecutor Leyton.

“Sometimes, witnesses are fearful to come forward and other times it’s just a matter of not wanting to cooperate with police. It has been around for much of my tenure as Prosecutor and it continues to cause issues for us as we prosecute cases in an effort to hold criminals accountable for their actions,” he said.

“In this case, even the victim of the assault was uncooperative and basically hiding from police investigators. In the end, however, I am pleased with the outcome and feel justice has been served,” he said.

Fisher has been in custody in the Genesee County jail since the shooting incident on December 7th. He will be sentenced on October 10th and faces mandatory prison time.

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