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**TWO FLINT MEN CONVICTED OF MURDER IN JANUARY  
2014 SHOOTING DEATH OF A DETROIT MAN**

**FLINT** – Two men will be going to prison after pleading guilty this afternoon in the 2014 shooting death of a Detroit man.

Tavion Damon Spiller, 19 (d.o.b. 8/19/96) of Flint, and Lamar Ali Williams, 20 (d.o.b. 6/15/95), also of Flint, each plead guilty to second degree murder and felony firearm for their roles in the death of Daren Bowden, 19.

On January 29, 2014, Bowden and two other men travelled to Flint to purchase bank cards from Jayre Reed. When the three arrived in Flint, they first picked up Reed who then told them they had to go to another location where another person had the cards.

The group then met and picked up another person, defendant Lamar Williams, but were told they needed to go to Eldorado Drive to get the cards from someone else. When they arrived on Eldorado, defendant Tavion Spiller was walking down the street to meet them. Bowden and his friends became suspicious and told Reed and Williams to exit the vehicle which they did.

However, Bowden then decided to get out of the vehicle and approached Spiller in an attempt to purchase the bank cards. Spiller then began reaching into his pants pretending to be grabbing the cards but instead pulled a gun and shot Bowden as he tried to get back into the vehicle. As the vehicle carrying Bowden and his friends sped away, Williams shot at the vehicle striking it several times. Bowden later died from his injuries.

Spiller faces a minimum of 27-42 years in prison and Williams a minimum of 14 years when sentenced. Reed also plead guilty to second degree murder and felony firearm and will be sentenced in September for his role in the homicide.

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