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PROSECUTOR CHARGES MAYOR AND FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF

56 Day Investigation Yields 12-Count Felony Complaint

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy announced multiple felony charges against Detroit Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick, 37 and his former Chief of Staff, Christine Beatty, 37 of Detroit. The charges are the result of a 56 day investigation by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office that began on January 25, 2008. The investigation was initiated after the Detroit Free Press revealed that text messages supported allegations that Kilpatrick and Beatty lied under oath about their intimate relationship during the whistleblower trial brought by former Deputy Police Chief Gary Brown and Detroit Police Officer Harold Nelthorpe.

Charges Against Kwame M. Kilpatrick

(See Attachment A, Description of Charges)

Prosecutor Worthy has charged Kilpatrick with 8 felony counts:

- Count 1, Conspiracy to Commit Obstruction of Justice, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison (MCL 750.157-A.)
- Count 2, Obstruction of Justice, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison (MCL 750.505-A.)

- Count 3, Misconduct in Office, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison (MCL 750.505-C.)
- Count 4, Misconduct in Office, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison (MCL 750.505-C.)
- Count 5, Perjury – Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)
- Count 6, Perjury – Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)
- Count 9, Perjury – Other than Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)
- Count 10, Perjury – Other than Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)

Charges Against Christine Beatty

(See Attachment A, Description of Charges)

Prosecutor Worthy has charged Beatty with 7 felony counts:

- Count 1, Conspiracy to Commit Obstruction of Justice, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison (MCL 750.157-A.)
- Count 2, Obstruction of Justice, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison (MCL 750.505-A.)
- Count 3, Misconduct in Office, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison (MCL 750.505-C.)
- Count 7, Perjury – Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)
- Count 8, Perjury – Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)
- Count 11, Perjury – Other than Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)
- Count 12, Perjury – Other than Court Proceeding, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison (MCL 750.442-B.)

Comments of Prosecutor Worthy Regarding Investigation and Charges

(See Attachment B, Statement of Prosecutor)

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Trial Team

(See Attachment B, page 4 under "Trial Team")

Prosecutor Worthy has assigned this case to highly skilled and experienced members of her staff, including: Assistant Prosecutors Lisa Lindsey, Robert Moran, Athina Siringas, and Robert Spada; Tim Baughman, Chief of Research and Appeals; James Bivens, Chief of Investigations.

Arraignment

On the morning of March 25, 2008 by 7:00 a.m., Kilpatrick and Beatty will surrender themselves for processing and are expected to be arraigned at the 36th District Court, 421 Madison Avenue, Detroit, MI on the same day.

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