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MEDIA RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: *UPDATE*** Brandon Cross - Homicide Investigation**

DATE: Sunday, April 02, 2017 **TIME:** 7:27 PM

LOCATION: 2400 Block of Dalton Ave.

POLICE COMPLAINT NUMBER: 17-3744

INFORMATION:

On Sunday, April 2, 2017, Pittsfield Police officers were dispatched to the above location for a vehicle that was located on the front lawn of a residence with the driver slumped over, unresponsive. Life-saving efforts were made by officers, Pittsfield Twp. Fire Personnel and HVA Paramedics, but the driver, Brandon Delano Cross, a 19-year old resident of Ann Arbor, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The investigation revealed that the driver/victim suffered a gunshot wound from an incident that occurred in the 2200 block of Glencoe Hills Drive.

On Wednesday, April 5th, the Pittsfield Police Department requested the assistance of the Washtenaw County Metro SWAT Team and members of the Ann Arbor Police Department for the purposes of executing a search warrant and collection of physical evidence connected to the homicide investigation. While executing the search warrant, Xavier Fernando Payne, 16-years old, was arrested at his residence in Ann Arbor for involvement in the shooting death of Brandon Cross and lodged at the Washtenaw County Juvenile Detention Center.

On Thursday, April 6th, the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office reviewed the case submitted by Pittsfield Police detectives and authorized the charge of Homicide/Open Murder.

On Friday, April 7th, Defendant Payne appeared for arraignment at the 14A-1 District Court and Payne remains in-custody.

On Monday, April 10th, based on evidence gathered and information obtained through the investigation, Pittsfield Officers' along with members from the United States Marshal – Detroit

Fugitive Apprehension Team (DFAT) arrested two additional suspects. The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office reviewed the information and authorized the charge of Homicide/Open Murder for Calvin David Vanderhoff, a 16-year old resident of Canton and Jeffrey Thomas Thurman, an 18-year old resident of Van Buren Township. All three defendants remain in custody pending court hearings and the incident remains under investigation.

INJURIES: Gunshot wound

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FURTHER INVESTIGATION: PTPD Detective Bureau. Anyone with information is asked to contact the PTPD Detective Bureau at 734-822-4950 or the confidential TIP line at 734-822-4958.

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