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Teen charged in robbery, homicide Complaint says boy was drinking beforehand

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Article Text:

A 17-year-old boy who had been drinking brandy and smoking marijuana fatally shot a man outside a west side check-cashing service after robbing him of \$10 and a cell phone, a criminal complaint says.

Shomas T. Winston of the 1500 block of N. 29th St. was charged with first-degree intentional homicide and armed robbery with the use of force in the slaying Friday behind Community Financial, 3432 W. Vliet St.

Cary T. Dace, 37, was shot four times in the parking lot of the business and died a short time later at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Wauwatosa, the complaint says.

According to the complaint:

A 13-year-old accomplice to the robbery was identified, taken into custody and interviewed by police.

The boy said he agreed to participate in the robbery with Winston and would look for a target at the check-cashing business by acting as though he were begging customers for money. The boy and a third suspect, identified only as "Dank," took turns looking inside the lobby of the business for potential victims.

They saw Dace walk into the business, and the boy said Dace "looked like he cashed a big check."

As Dace walked toward the parking lot, the boy signaled to Winston, who was waiting across the street at a bus stop.

When interviewed by detectives, Winston said he had been in front of the boy's house drinking brandy and smoking marijuana with others before the robbery. While there, he mentioned that he had been robbed of marijuana and money and needed a gun for protection.

Someone at the house was selling a .380-caliber handgun for \$100, and Winston and the boy then came up with the plan to rob someone in order to get money to pay for the gun.

Winston accosted Dace in the parking lot with the gun and demanded money, and Dace gave him a \$10 bill, a piece of paper and a two-way cell phone/pager. Winston said Dace indicated he had no more money, began to open the door to his car and said, "Shoot me."

Winston said he pointed the gun with his finger on the trigger in order to scare Dace and the gun went off "three or four times," the complaint says.

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Security guard shoots 2 at payday loan center

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A security guard wounded two people in an exchange of gunfire at a northwest side payday loan center, Milwaukee police said Wednesday.

A 26-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy were shot shortly after 5 p.m. Tuesday at Advance America, 8066 N. 76th St., Lt. Clint Harrison said.

Harrison could not confirm that the gunfire stemmed from a robbery attempt but said it occurred after the pair entered the business and one of them pulled out a gun.

Their wounds were not life-threatening; both were hospitalized under police guard Wednesday, Harrison said.

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