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Press Release

York County Investigating Grand Jury Recommends Charges in Beating Death of Zachary Young

York, PA – District Attorney Dave Sunday announced that charges surrounding the May 18th beating death of Zachary Young were filed today. These arrests follow an investigation by the York City Police Department, York County District Attorney's Office, and a recommendation by the York County Investigating Grand Jury.

Sinsere Overton, 21, of York City and Naqui Johnson, 20, of York City were both charged with Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault and Criminal Conspiracy. Daniel Mamary, 19, of Dover was charged with Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault and Criminal Conspiracy. These charges were approved by Grand Jury Supervising Judge Maria Musti Cook.

"The presentment, which resulted from a two-month Grand Jury investigation, provides an overview of testimony from numerous witnesses describing the different phases of a beating that occurred over the course of eleven minutes until police arrived," District Attorney Sunday said.

The Grand jury presentment concluded that on May 25, 2022, Sinsere Overton, Naqui Johnson, and Daniel Mamary engaged in multiple assaults on a defenseless Zachary Young. These assaults consisted of multiple punches to his head and body, as well as several kicks to multiple parts of his person. There is also evidence that a metal cigarette rolling machine was utilized in the assault, and that the cumulative effect of these assaults was the death of Zachary Young.

"Thanks to the dedicated efforts of York County's Investigating Grand Jury, who are citizens just like you, a violent crime has been solved, and the perpetrators of this brutal beating will be held accountable for their crimes," District Attorney Dave Sunday said.

This case was investigated by the York City Police Department, the York County District Attorney's Office, and the York County 2nd Investigating Grand Jury. Assistant District Attorneys Kara Bowser and Kadin Brown will be prosecuting the case for the York County District Attorney's Office.

Criminal charges, and any discussion thereof, are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.