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Five Men Indicted in Galilee Baptist Church Shooting

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a 22-count indictment recently charging five men in connection to the April 2014 shooting at the Galilee Baptist Church that wounded three funeral attendees, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported.

At approximately 11:45 a.m. on April 22, 2014, hundreds of people were gathered at the Galilee Baptist Church for the funeral of 19-year-old Cagney Roberts when gunfire erupted outside injuring two men and a woman. Samuel Vincent, Samier Vincent and Terrance Maddox are each charged with attempted murder and three counts of aggravated assault. Lawrence Sutphin and Richard Holman are also named in the indictment for their roles in the crime.

The charges contained in the indictment, returned on November 20, are as follows:

Samuel Vincent, age 19, is charged with first-degree attempted murder, three counts of second-degree aggravated assault, second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon, second-degree possession of a firearm for an unlawful purpose, fourth-degree possession of a defaced firearm and fourth-degree possession of hollow-nose bullets.

Samier Vincent, age 20, is charged with first-degree attempted murder, three counts of second-degree aggravated assault, second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon, second-degree possession of a firearm for an unlawful purpose, fourth-degree possession of a defaced firearm and third-degree receiving stolen property.

Terrance Maddox, age 22, is charged with first-degree attempted murder, three counts of second-degree aggravated assault, second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon, second-degree possession of a firearm for an unlawful purpose, fourth-degree possession of a defaced firearm, third-degree receiving stolen property and second-degree certain persons not to possess a firearm.

Lawrence Sutphin, age 37, is charged with second-degree unlawful possession of a handgun, third-degree receiving stolen property and second degree certain persons not to possess a firearm.

Richard Holman, age 35, of Chesterfield, was indicted for third-degree theft by unlawful taking and second-degree unlawful possession of handguns. He is charged with stealing three handguns from Burlington County, two of which were used in the shooting.

Samuel Vincent, Samier Vincent and Terrance Maddox remain in jail. Sutphin is free on bail.

Assistant Prosecutor Cindy Liccardo presented the case to the grand jury.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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