

Robbery try preceded shooting, case alleges

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An incident last month that ended with a man being shot in the chest at a Fredericksburg shopping center was the result of a botched robbery, according to testimony Thursday.

D'Andre Vontez Caleb–Hill, 20, is charged with multiple offenses, including aggravated malicious wounding and attempted robbery.

Judge John R. Stevens sent the charges to a grand jury following a preliminary hearing in Fredericksburg General District Court.

According to the evidence presented by prosecutor Travis Bird, Caleb–Hill and a co-defendant went to Eagle Village the afternoon of May 3 to “do a lick,” street slang for committing a robbery.

The victim, 48-year-old William Angley, told police he and a friend were in the shopping center discussing the sale of a car to another person when Caleb–Hill and Trevor James Stevick, 18, showed up unannounced.

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Stevick is charged with attempted robbery, conspiracy and being an accessory after the fact. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 17.

According to the evidence, Stevick handed a gun to Caleb–Hill and said, “you the one to do this.”

When Angley was asked for his money, he grabbed a knife and sliced a tire on Caleb–Hill's Toyota Camry. Angley was shot in the chest before the car sped out of the parking lot, striking a PT Cruiser before heading north on U.S. 1 to the nearby Taco Bell parking lot.

Caleb–Hill ran into a store to call someone for a ride. His mother came to the scene and identified the car with the flat tire as the one her son had been driving.

According to testimony, Caleb–Hill was taken into custody a short time later and told several different stories, including one in which he claimed he shot the victim to protect his friend.

Initial reports indicated that a drug deal had taken place, but nothing about a drug deal was mentioned in court Thursday.

Stevick, who initially was charged only with being an accessory, led police to the gun believed to have been used in the shooting. It was found buried in Olde Forge subdivision in southern Stafford.

Defense attorney Stuart Sullivan unsuccessfully sought to have the aggravated malicious wounding charge reduced, saying the victim suffered no permanent injury. Bird pointed out the bullet is still inside the victim.

Caleb–Hill was already on bond for Stafford charges at the time of the shooting. He has since been convicted of five theft-related charges in Stafford and will be sentenced there on Aug. 21, court records show.

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