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Schuette Statement on Terrorism Conviction for I-96 Shooter Raulie Casteel for 23 Attacks

LANSING – Attorney General Bill Schuette today announced a Livingston County jury has found Raulie Casteel, 44, of Wixom, guilty of terrorism, assault with a dangerous weapon, firing a weapon from a vehicle and three other felony weapons charges connected to a three-day shooting spree that occurred in October 2012. The terrorism conviction is the first in state history secured by the Department of Attorney General.

Schuette’s Criminal Division filed charges based on evidence collected by an unprecedented multi-jurisdictional task force formed to investigate the case, and worked with the prosecutors from Ingham, Livingston, Shiawassee and Oakland counties.

“Raulie Casteel committed acts of violence that terrorized our state in unimaginable ways, and today the victims of his shooting spree received justice,” said Schuette. “Schools changed bus routes, commuters took back roads to and from work, and sports fans feared traveling to weekend games.

“I would like to thank our partners in local, state and federal law enforcement who dedicated unprecedented resources to apprehending Casteel before his reckless behavior took any lives.”

Casteel was found guilty by a Livingston County jury of the following charges:

- One count of Terrorism; based on 23 attacks, a felony charge punishable by up to life in prison;
- One count of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, a 4-year felony;
- One count of Weapons – Dangerous Weapon – Carrying with Unlawful Intent, a 5-year felony;
- One Count of Weapons – Firearms – Discharge from Vehicle, a 4-year felony; and,
- Three counts of Weapons – Felony Firearm, a 2-year felony.

Casteel is next due in Livingston County Circuit Court for sentencing before Judge David Reader on March 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. He faces up to life in prison.