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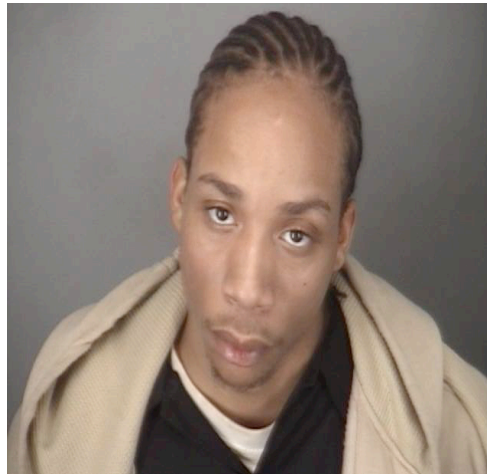
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## **Man charged with attempted murder for allegedly shooting at officer**

Andrew Knott, 26, of Detroit was charged Sunday with attempted murder and multiple firearms offenses for allegedly shooting at an undercover Wayne County Sheriff's officer last Thursday afternoon at a gas station in Detroit.

Knott is accused of firing three shots at the undercover officer from an automobile at the Marathon Gas Station at 7 Mile east of Southfield at Ferguson in Detroit. The officer stood alone outside the station when the vehicle approached at about 2 p.m. The officer was not injured in the shooting.

Magistrate Sherman Barthwell of 36<sup>th</sup> District Court set a \$1 million cash bond. Knott, who could face up to life in prison if convicted, was remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

Sheriff's officers arrested Knott less than 24 hours after the shooting, assisted by video surveillance photos from the station which were distributed to local media.

The area is considered a high traffic area for narcotics, police said.

"This officer risked his life to protect the public," Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon said. "This case shows the importance of video surveillance and the role of the media in assisting police to keep our streets safe."