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**Oakland Man Charged in the Death of Castlemont Senior**

Michael Heartsman-Anthony, a 22 year-old Oakland resident has been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's office with murder in the shooting death of 17 year-old Ditiyan Franklin. May 25<sup>th</sup>. Heartsman-Anthony was also charged with attempted murder and being a felon in possession of a firearm. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Heartsman-Anthony shot at Franklin as he rode a bicycle in the 2400 block of Ritchie St. Franklin got off of the bicycle and tried to run away but Heartsman-Anthony chased and fatally shot him. Franklin, a senior at Castlemont High School's Leadership Academy, was weeks away from graduation at the time of his death.

Homicide investigators believe the shooting stemmed from a dispute between Heartsman-Anthony and Franklin, who knew each other. The Oakland Police and the Oakland Public School Police began a diligent investigation and developed information that led to Heartsman-Anthony's arrest by Oakland Police Officer M. Igueldo on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Heartsman-Anthony, who denied involvement in the shooting, was charged with attempted murder because another person was standing in the line of fire during the shooting of Franklin.

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