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WILSON RESIGNS

'It is my hope that my resignation will allow the community to heal.'



Darren Wilson during his medical examination after the shooting of Michael Brown.

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Citing threats of violence, Darren Wilson, who fatally shot Michael Brown Aug. 9, resigned from the Ferguson Police Department on Saturday.

Wilson, 28, whom a St. Louis County grand jury declined to indict in connection with the shooting, had worked for the city's police department for six years.

In a telephone interview Saturday evening, Wilson said he resigned after the police department told him it had received threats that violence would ensue if he remained an employee.

"I'm resigning of my own free will," he said. "I'm not willing to let someone else get hurt because of me."

He said resigning was "the hardest thing I've ever had to do."

Wilson's resignation, which was expected, comes after private talks between his representatives and the police department. The grand jury announced its decision in the case Monday.

Wilson's resignation letter reads, in part:

"I have been told that my continued employment may put the residents and

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GRAND JURY

DELUGE OF EVIDENCE

WITNESS PARADE

More than 60 took the stand, some of whom had admitted lying or not seeing the shooting.

LAW CONFUSION

Prosecutors tell jurors use-of-force statute in Missouri doesn't comply with case law.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ST. LOUIS • For hundreds of cases, over the course of three months, the process was the same.

A prosecutor would go to the grand jury seeking confirmation on charges that had already been decided. In just a few minutes, a new case would come to life.

But that all changed on Aug. 20, with the State of Missouri v. Darren Wilson.

All of a sudden, the grand jury was thrust into a highly unusual role.

The state suspended its job as prosecutor, claiming no stake in the process. The 12 men and women were flooded with eyewitness testimony — much of it conflicting. Even the physical evidence, later described by St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch as the "solid foundation" by which cases are built, failed to answer key questions.

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REVIEWING THE TESTIMONY

See interesting findings from thousands of pages of grand jury documents. PAGE A4

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What's next for the north riverfront? New push emphasizes the possibilities

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ST. LOUIS • Over the last year and a half, a local agency has quietly snapped up land among the overgrown lots and crumbling warehouses north of downtown, with hopes of breathing new life into the north riverfront trail — and, through it, sprouting shops, businesses, restaurants and homes.

Now leaders of the Great Rivers Greenway trails district have commissioned a six-month, \$330,000 study of the old industrial sector.

Their dreams stretch beyond the trail itself: Loft apartments. Beer gardens. A theater. Bike shops. A treehouse. Perhaps a



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The Laclede Power Company, north of downtown on the Riverfront Trail.

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A+ scholarship funding isn't keeping pace

Cost of college is rising, as is number of eligible students.

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JEFFERSON CITY • Thousands of community college students statewide ripped open an official-looking letter late this summer, their hearts sinking as they learned that college might not be as free as they had thought.

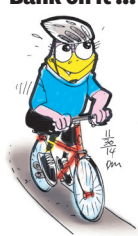
Their A+ scholarships, meant to cover college tuition and general fees, could come up four credit hours short for the spring term because of inadequate funding. Prepare to pay for these hours out-of-pocket, the letter said. But many can't.

Not much has changed since, and the spring

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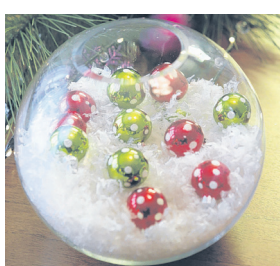


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