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PRESS STATEMENT

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**Motion Filed To Prosecute
17-Year-Old As Adult**

The Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office has filed a motion to have the defendant, 17-year-old **Otis Mitchell**, held responsible and tried as an adult, due to the serious and violent nature of his acts.

The defendant has been charged in Juvenile Court with two counts of felonious assault for the early-morning shooting of an 18-year-old victim in the parking lot of an apartment complex in Miami Township on February 21, 2011. The defendant surrendered to authorities the next evening.

It is alleged the victim and the defendant knew each other and were involved in a fight when the defendant pulled out a handgun and fired at the victim, striking him in his arm. The defendant then fled the scene. The victim was transported to the hospital by friends.

Montgomery County Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. said, "A juvenile, armed with a loaded firearm, who shoots another person in a residential parking lot, must be vigorously prosecuted."

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