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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Man Indicted for Injuring Dayton Police Officer State v. Gregory L. Walz 2009-CR-1959

The Montgomery County Grand Jury has indicted 53 year old **Gregory L. Walz** on felony counts related to his injuring a Dayton Police Officer on June 16, 2009.

The defendant was at the First Street Recycling Center, where he was attempting to sell some metal. Dayton Detective Jamie Bullens, assigned to the Metal Theft Unit, was questioning the defendant about the metal he was selling. During this encounter, the defendant entered his vehicle. Detective Bullens ordered the defendant to stop, and attempted to physically restrain the defendant. The defendant put his vehicle in gear and drive forward, dragging the officer approximately 20 yards before crashing into a concrete wall.

The Detective was seriously injured in the incident, requiring admittance to the hospital for a number of days.

The defendant has been indicted on:

- Felonious Assault on a Police Officer with serious physical harm
- Felonious Assault on a Police Officer with a deadly weapon
- Failure to Comply With the Order or Signal of a Police Officer
- Vandalism

The defendant faces a maximum of 26 years incarceration plus fines in excess of \$50,000 for his actions. He will be arraigned on June 30, 2009.

Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. said, "The police officers that protect us, and risk their lives every day, should not be targets of violent attacks. This defendant seriously injured an officer that was simply doing his job."

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