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State v. James D. Williams, III 2008-CR-4021

The Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted 27 year old James D. Williams, III on multiple felony counts for starting the August 28, 2008 fire at the Ivy Club at 3509 N. Main Street in Dayton that claimed the life of 50 year old Robert C. Fabia.

The defendant poured gasoline on the structure before setting it on fire at approximately 2:00 am. The deceased victim was discovered in the kitchen area. The coroner ruled his death was a result of smoke inhalation.

The defendant has been indicted for:

- One count of Aggravated Arson – substantial risk / serious physical harm to persons
- One count of Aggravated Arson – physical harm to occupied structure
- One count of Aggravated Arson – agreement for hire
- Three counts of Murder – proximate result of committing the aggravated arsons
- Two counts of Possession of Criminal Tools

Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck said, “This defendant purposefully set the building on fire, and ultimately took the life of another person. Senseless killings, such as this, simply will not be tolerated in our community. My sympathies go out to the family of Mr. Fabia.”