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State v. Rodney T. Young 2008-CR-4839

The Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted 29 year old Rodney T. Young on multiple felony counts for the December 12, 2008 shooting at Higgins Station bar in Trotwood that killed one individual and injured five other victims.

The defendant argued with some other patrons in the bar in the early morning hours of December 12, which culminated in the defendant shooting and killing 21-year-old David Watson of Dayton and shooting five others, who survived. The defendant was on Federal Parole at the time of the incident, after having been convicted of bank robbery with use of a firearm in 1998. He was arrested by U.S. Marshals at a motel in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

The defendant has been indicted for:

- One count of Murder
- Six counts of Felonious Assault – deadly weapon
- Six counts of Felonious Assault – serious physical harm
- Two counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability
- One count of Carrying Concealed Weapons
- One count of Illegal Possession of a Firearm in a Liquor Permit Premises
- One count of Intimidation of a Witness

The murder, felonious assault, illegal possession of firearm and intimidation counts include mandatory three year firearm specifications. The defendant faces a possibility of being incarcerated for Life plus an additional 130 years.

Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck said, “This defendant decided the best way to settle his differences was to open fire inside a crowded bar, shooting six victims, killing one. He needs to be sentenced to the maximum time in prison to protect our community.”