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Muhammad Ali Indicted in Triple Homicide

State v. Muhammad Shabazz Ali, 2016-CR-2529

DAYTON, OH (03/10/2017) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **MUHAMMAD SHABAZZ ALI**, aka **ROBERT WOODROW FORD, JR.**, 61, of Dayton, has been indicted with death penalty specifications for the shooting deaths of three victims that occurred August 10, 2016 inside a home on Oxford Avenue in Dayton.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2016, the defendant went to the home of his former girlfriend, Tammy Cox, 54, and fatally shot her. He also fatally shot her son, Michael Cox, 25, and another man who was inside the home, Jasper Taylor, 74.

The defendant has been indicted on:

- Six counts of Aggravated Murder
- Eight counts of Felonious Assault
- Six counts of Aggravated Burglary
- Two counts of Kidnapping
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability
- One count of Failure to Comply With the Order or Signal of a Police Officer

The counts of Aggravated Murder carry additional Firearm Specifications, Repeat Violent Offender Specifications, and Aggravated Circumstance Specifications, which make this a possible death penalty case. The counts of Aggravated Burglary and Kidnapping all carry Firearm Specifications and Repeat Violent Offender Specifications. Seven counts of Felonious Assault carry Firearm Specifications and Repeat Violent Offender Specifications. One additional count of Felonious Assault carries a Repeat Violent Offender Specification.

The defendant was previously convicted in 1988 of voluntary manslaughter, and served over 10 years in prison.

The defendant is in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$2,000,000 bond. He will be arraigned on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

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