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Grand Jury Votes Not to Indict Englewood Officer in Police Shooting

State v. John Doe, 2017-CR-0730

DAYTON, OH (05/05/2017) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that the Montgomery County Grand Jury has declined to indict an Englewood Police Officer involved in the shooting death of Shelly Porter, III that occurred on February 5, 2017, in the parking lot of the Englewood Inn.

The investigation was conducted by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at the request of the Englewood Police Department. Earlier that day, Englewood Police responded to a call from Motel 6, located on North Main Street, in Englewood, that shots had been fired from a room rented by Shelly Porter, III. Officers located both spent and unspent rounds in the motel room rented by Porter but did not locate a firearm. A search for Porter was conducted and eventually, an Englewood Police Officer located Porter in the parking lot of the Englewood Inn. Porter refused to comply with Officer's commands and the use of a Taser proved ineffective. A physical fight then ensued. Porter pointed his firearm at the officer, who then discharged his duty weapon in self-defense.

The Grand Jury considered all of the evidence from an extensive investigation of the matter, including testimony from both civilian and police witnesses. After consideration of all the testimony and evidence, the Grand Jury returned a no true bill, finding that the officer's actions were legal under the circumstances.

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