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## **Dayton Pastor and Wife Found Guilty in Death of Foster Child**

*State v. Shureka and Torace Weaver, 2016-CR-2127*

**DAYTON, OH (04/22/2017)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that **SHUREKA WEAVER**, 40, and her husband, **TORACE D. WEAVER**, 38, of Dayton, have been found guilty as charged in connection to the death of 2 year old Stanley Thomas that occurred on November 18, 2015.

On Sunday, November 18, 2015, first responders were dispatched to King of Glory Church on Genesee Avenue in Dayton on report of a toddler not breathing. The child, 2 year old Stanley Thomas, was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Medical personnel at the hospital and during the autopsy noticed numerous injuries to the child, including bruises, scars and a large burn on the child. The defendants, who were the foster parents of the victim, stated the child had fallen from a table.

After a trial, the jury found defendant Torace Weaver guilty as charged on counts of Murder, Endangering Children, Involuntary Manslaughter, Reckless Homicide, and Felonious Assault. Shureka Weaver was also found guilty as charged of Endangering Children.

The defendants will be sentenced on May 5, 2017 at 11:00 am.

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