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**Dayton Pastor and Wife Sentenced for Death of Foster Child**

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

**DAYTON, OH (05/05/2017)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that **SHUREKA WEAVER**, 40, and her husband, **TORACE D. WEAVER**, 38, of Dayton, were sentenced for their convictions 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 both defendants guilty as charged in the indictment.

Defendant Torace Weaver was sentenced to a total of 18 years-to-life in prison for his convictions on counts of Murder and Endangering Children.

Defendant Shureka Weaver was sentenced to 36 months in prison for her conviction on a count of Endangering Children.

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