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Springfield Man Indicted for Horrific Attack on Security Guard

State v. James Fickling 2023-CR-3203

DAYTON, OH (10/31/2023) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **JAMES TIMOTHY FICKLING**, 25, of Springfield, has been indicted on counts in connection to an incident that occurred in Dayton on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

On the afternoon of Saturday, October 21, 2023, surveillance video from inside the Premier Health Building at 110 N. Main Street in downtown Dayton captured the defendant entering the building and taking off his clothing. Shortly thereafter, the defendant pulled the building's fire alarm. When the building's security guard, a 66-year-old female, confronted the defendant he brutally attacked her. After a lengthy struggle, the defendant knocked the victim to the ground and jumped up and down landing with his knee on her face and head eight times, knocking her unconscious. The defendant then gouged out one of her eyes and severely damaged her other eye. When first responders arrived, the defendant attacked them, injuring several Dayton firefighters and a Dayton Police officer, before the defendant could be taken into custody.

Today, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant for:

- One count of Felonious Assault
- Three counts of Kidnapping
- One count of Attempt to Commit Felonious Assault
- One count of Assault on a Firefighter
- One count of Assault on a Police Officer
- Three counts of Obstructing Official Business
- One count of Inducing Panic
- One count of Menacing

The defendant is currently in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$750,000 bond. He will be arraigned on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

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