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Dayton Man Sentenced for Manslaughter

State v. Taevian Harris, 2017-CR-3085

DAYTON, OH (03/27/2018) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **TAEVIAN A. HARRIS**, 24, of Dayton, was sentenced to a total of 20 years in prison for the shooting death of Deandre Thomas on September 13, 2017.

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Dayton Police officers were in the Hilltop Neighborhood of Dayton on routine patrol when they heard multiple shots being fired. The officers located the deceased body of the victim, 26-year-old Deandre Thomas.

Further investigation lead detectives to the defendant as the responsible person for the shooting. A search warrant of the defendant's residence revealed several firearms, including an AK-47, a handgun, and a shotgun. The defendant has previously been convicted of having weapons while under disability and has prior convictions both as an adult and as a juvenile of offenses of violence which would prevent him from possessing any firearms.

On March 14, 2018, the defendant entered guilty pleas prior to being indicted to:

- One count of Involuntary Manslaughter
- Two counts of Felonious Assault
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability

Today, the defendant was sentenced to 9 years in prison on the manslaughter count, 7 years for the felonious assaults, 1 year for the having weapons while under disability count, and 3 additional years for a firearm specification, for a total of 20 years of incarceration.

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