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Dayton Man Indicted for Crash While Fleeing From Police

Defendant Fled From Police Four Times in Three Days

State v. Benjamin McDonald, 2018-CR-1179

DAYTON, OH (04/02/2018) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **BENJAMIN TRENT McDONALD**, 36, of Dayton, has been indicted for a traffic crash that occurred on March 21, 2018, in which his passenger was seriously injured.

During the morning hours of Monday, March 19, 2018, Dayton Police officers attempted a traffic stop of the defendant for having no front license plate on the vehicle he was driving. Instead of complying, he fled from the officers. Then, the next day, Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Dayton Police officers see the vehicle again and attempt a traffic stop. Again, the defendant fled from the officers instead of complying. Then, in the early afternoon hours of Wednesday, March 21, 2018, the defendant fled once again from Dayton Police officers when they attempted to conduct a traffic stop.

Later that same day, Dayton Police officers spotted the defendant again, and when he fled from the officers once again, they initiated a pursuit. The defendant committed multiple traffic offenses in his attempt to elude the officers, driving as much as 102 MPH in residential areas. Finally, the defendant ran a red light at James H. McGee Blvd. and struck another vehicle in the intersection. The defendant's passenger was thrown from the vehicle during the crash, causing her significant, serious injuries.

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

- Four counts of Failure To Comply With the Order or Signal of a Police Officer
- One count of Vehicular Assault

At the time of the incident, the defendant's driver's license was under two suspensions.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

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