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## **Dayton Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for 2019 Homicide**

*State v. Carson Barker, 2019-CR-1747*

**DAYTON, OH (07/02/2021)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **CARSON D. BARKER**, 35, of Dayton, was sentenced to life in prison after being convicted on counts related to the shooting death of Christopher Campbell that occurred on May 26, 2019.

On the evening of Sunday, May 26, 2019, Dayton Police officers were dispatched to a traffic crash in the area of the Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy on West Third Street. When they arrived, they found a vehicle had crashed in the playground area behind the school. Inside the vehicle was the victim, 42-year-old Christopher L. Campbell, who had been shot. The victim was transported to the hospital, but died from his injuries the next day, Monday, May 27, 2019.

Eyewitness and other evidence determined the shooting had occurred a short distance from the crash scene, near the intersection of West Second Street and North Antioch Street. The victim was able to get into his Chevrolet Tahoe near the location of the shooting and drove a short distance before he lost control of his vehicle and crashed.

On June 17, 2021, after a trial, the jury found the defendant guilty as charged on counts of Murder, Felonious Assault, and Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises, plus guilty as charged on 3-year firearm specifications. After a separate bench trial, the judge also found the defendant guilty of Having Weapons While Under Disability.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison. He will not be eligible for consideration of parole until he has served at least 29 years in prison. Additionally, the defendant was ordered to pay \$4,608.78 in restitution.

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