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US Route 35 Shooter Sentenced

State v. Michael J. Blair, 2019-CR-1613

DAYTON, OH (05/26/2020) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **MICHAEL J. BLAIR**, 22, of Dayton, has been sentenced to prison after being convicted of shooting at motorists on US Route 35 near Liscum Drive in Dayton.

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, police were dispatched to US 35 West, near Liscum Drive after reports that a person was actively shooting at motorists during rush hour. Upon arrival, police observed bullet holes in one vehicle and spoke with victims who witnessed the shootings. They reported that the defendant was hanging out of a silver Pontiac Grand Prix while firing at passing vehicles. Upon further investigation, police determined that the incident stemmed from a dispute between the defendant and another individual. Multiple vehicles were struck, however, there were no reports of a person being struck.

On May 23, 2019, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant. On May 11, 2020, the defendant was found guilty on six counts Felonious Assault with a deadly weapon, which also included 5-year and 3-year firearm specifications.

At the time of the incident, the defendant was on probation, having been previously convicted of committing a burglary in 2016.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to a total range of 11 to 12 ½ years in prison.

Prosecutor Heck added, “Multiple vehicles were struck as a result of this defendant’s actions. Thankfully, no one was shot even though this shooting occurred on a busy highway during rush hour traffic.”

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