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Dayton Man Indicted for Death of Accomplice

State v. Robert Brooks, 2020-CR-3168

DAYTON, OH (10/15/2020) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **ROBERT A. BROOKS**, 32, of Dayton, has been indicted on counts in connection to a robbery in which an accomplice, Kato Knight, was killed.

On Sunday, October 4, 2020, the defendant and another man, 25-year-old Kato Knight, approached a vehicle with a sleeping occupant. The pair intended to commit a robbery of the sleeping man. When the target victim awoke, he pulled out his own firearm and fired at the assailants in self-defense. During the exchange of gunfire, Kato Knight was fatally struck.

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

- Four counts of Murder
- Two counts of Felonious Assault
- Two counts of Aggravated Robbery
- Two counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability

All of the counts, except for Having Weapons While Under Disability, include 3-year firearm specifications and Repeat Violence Offender specifications.

Under Ohio Law, an individual is culpable for any death that occurs during the commission of a robbery, including the death of an accomplice.

The defendant has previously been convicted in a number of cases. In 2010, he was convicted of felonious assault, discharge of a firearm on or near prohibited premises, and having weapons while under disability. In 2013, he was convicted of failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer. In 2017, the defendant was convicted of possession of cocaine and possession of heroin.

The defendant is currently being held in the Montgomery County Jail on a \$1,000,000 bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.