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## **Dayton Man Indicted for Fatal Traffic Crash**

*State v. Jason Cartwright, 2021-CR-3500*

**DAYTON, OH (05/13/2021)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **JASON AARON CARTWRIGHT**, 40, of Dayton, has been indicted for causing the death of 36-year-old Tasha Watkins, of Fairborn, in a traffic crash that occurred in Dayton on April 5, 2020.

During the evening of Sunday, April 5, 2020, the defendant was driving a Chevrolet Monte Carlo on North Gettysburg Road near North James H. McGee Boulevard when he failed to stop and rear-ended the victim's Chevrolet Impala before striking a utility pole. The force of the crash sent the victim's vehicle across the centerline of the roadway, striking another vehicle head-on.

The defendant left the scene of the crash and was caught on surveillance video being picked up in another vehicle. The female victim was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries and died a short time later as a result of the injuries she sustained in the crash.

Further investigation determined the defendant did not have a valid driver's license at the time of the crash and had six current driver's license suspensions.

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

- One count Vehicular Homicide
- Three counts Failure to Stop After Accident

A warrant has been issued for the defendant's arrest.

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