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## **19-Year-Old Dayton Man Indicted for Murder**

*State v. Javontay Clark, 2020-CR-1372*

**DAYTON, OH (09/15/2020)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **JAVONTAY LARON CLARK**, 19, of Dayton, has been indicted on counts in connection to the murder of Heather Jones, which occurred on November 24, 2019.

On Sunday, November 24, 2019, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched on a report of a shooting on Wenz Court in the Stillwater Park Apartments. They located a shooting victim, 26-year-old Heather Jones. Witnesses reported hearing gunshots and described a Kia Soul leaving the area. Investigators used surveillance video from a nearby Marathon gas station and were able to identify the vehicle, which had been reported stolen. Six days later, the victim succumbed to her injuries.

Further investigation and evidence identified the defendant as the shooter.

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

- Two counts Murder
- Two counts Felonious Assault
- One count Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle
- One count Tampering with Evidence
- One count Having Weapons While Under Disability – prior offense of violence

The counts of murder and felonious assault also have 3-year firearm specifications.

The defendant currently has five additional pending cases. In four of the cases, he is charged with assaulting other inmates while incarcerated in the Montgomery County Jail. In the fifth case, he is awaiting sentencing after being found guilty of Having Weapons While Under Disability.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant, at just 19 years of age, is undoubtedly a very violent and dangerous person. He shot a completely innocent stranger to death and has assaulted other inmates while in jail. He needs to be prosecuted and sentenced to a lengthy term of incarceration."

The defendant is currently in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$500,000 bond. He will be arraigned on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.