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Dayton Man Found Guilty of Murder

State v. Laron Cunningham, 2018-CR-4739

DAYTON, OH (04/16/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **LARON N. CUNNINGHAM**, 41, of Dayton, was found guilty after a trial on counts related to the stabbing death of Michael Oliver, whose body was discovered on December 8, 2018.

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, the defendant was found trespassing in an apartment building. He claimed he needed medical help and was taken to the hospital. While at the hospital he made statements about killing a man at a specific apartment in the Wilkinson Apartments. Police were dispatched on this information and found 60-Year old Michael Oliver stabbed to death in his apartment. The defendant sold the victim's possessions so that he could obtain crack cocaine.

Evidence, including DNA, video surveillance, and the defendant's own words confirm the defendant was responsible for Michael Oliver's death.

On April 2, 2019, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant on multiple felony counts, which included Repeat Violent Offender Specifications. The defendant was previously convicted of Robbery in 2004, Aggravated Robbery in 2006, and Felonious Assault in 2004.

Yesterday, after a trial, the jury returned verdicts of guilty on counts including Murder, Felonious Assault, Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, and Burglary.

A hearing on the Repeat Violent Offender Specifications will be held on May 10, 2021.

The defendant remains in custody, without bond, in the Montgomery County Jail.

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