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Charges Filed in Carjacking - Motion to Transfer Juvenile

State v. Daron Bell JC2016-6688

DAYTON, OH (11/15/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that a motion to transfer 16-year-old **DARON BELL** to adult court has been filed.

During the afternoon Wednesday, October 26, 2016, Dayton Police received a report of a vehicle that was stolen from the driver at gunpoint in the area of Meredith Street and Edgewood Avenue, in the city of Dayton. As police were responding to the robbery call, they spotted the vehicle. A short pursuit ended when the driver crashed the vehicle on Harvard Avenue near Salem Avenue.

The defendant was determined to be the driver of the vehicle. Officers noticed a loaded firearm inside the vehicle. The juvenile defendant was taken into custody and taken to the Juvenile Justice Center.

The defendant is charged with:

- One count of Aggravated Robbery with a deadly weapon
- One count of Failure to Comply With the Order of a Police Officer
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability
- One count of Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle

The defendant has a lengthy criminal record, starting when he was 10 years old. At age 10, he was charged with Breaking and Entering. At age 11, he was charged with Theft. Also at age 11, he was charged with Aggravated Robbery and was sentenced to the Department of Youth Services. At age 13, he was charged with Criminal Trespassing. Then at age 14, he was charged with Receiving Stolen Property. Finally, at age 15, he was charged with Breaking and Entering.

Due to the serious and dangerous nature of this crime, as well as his lengthy list of prior offenses, we will be asking that this defendant be transferred to be tried as an adult. His case will be set for a probable cause hearing in Juvenile Court.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This defendant has had many opportunities afforded to him by the Juvenile Justice System. Clearly, he has not learned anything from his prior adjudications. Now, he is running around, brandishing a loaded firearm and stealing cars, when he should be in school.”

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