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**Miamisburg Man Convicted for Double Homicide
Receives Longer Sentence**

State v. James Davison, 2018-CR-1560

DAYTON, OH (05/04/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **JAMES A. DAVISON**, 27, of Miamisburg, was sentenced today to an additional three years in prison, for a total of 51 years to life, after a 2nd District Court of Appeals ruling.

During the early morning hours of Saturday, April 21, 2018, the defendant left Rick's Jazz Club on Lakeview Avenue in Dayton. He drove his SUV through the lot, stopping with his driver's side door next to the driver's side door of a pickup truck containing four occupants. The defendant then fired approximately 17-21 rounds from a .40 caliber handgun into the pickup truck. The front seat driver, later identified as 29-year-old Darion L. Harris, and the front seat passenger, 28-year-old Ashley M. James, were both fatally struck. The two back seat occupants were uninjured. The incident was captured by the club's surveillance video.

On September 27, 2019, after a trial, the jury found the defendant guilty as charged on:

- One count of Aggravated Murder
- One count of Murder
- Two counts of Felonious Assault
- One count of Discharge of a Firearm At or Near Prohibited Premises
- One count of Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle
- One count of Tampering With Evidence

All of the counts except for Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle and Tampering With Evidence include 3-year and 5-year firearm specifications because the defendant fired the shots from a vehicle.

On October 15, 2019, the trial court sentenced the defendant to a total of 48 years to life in prison. We appealed the trial court's sentence, arguing that the court erred in merging the counts of Aggravated Murder and Discharge of a Firearm At or Near Prohibited Premises.

The 2nd District Court of Appeals ruled that the counts should not have been merged for purposes of sentencing and remanded the case back to the trial court to impose the correct sentence. Today, the trial court re-sentenced the defendant to an additional 3 years in prison, for a total of 51 years to life.

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