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Clayton Man Sentenced for Abduction, Shooting at Estranged Wife

State v. James Deaton, 2016-CR-66

DAYTON, OH (06/14/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **James A. Deaton**, 48, of Clayton, was sentenced to serve 15 years in prison for shooting a firearm at his estranged wife.

On January 5, 2016, the victim was at the home she formerly shared with the defendant to collect some of her personal property. The defendant brandished a firearm and held the victim at gunpoint for approximately a half hour before she escaped and fled the residence in her vehicle. The defendant fired two times at her as she was driving away, striking her car in the driver's side door and the gas tank.

The victim fled to the Englewood Police Department where she reported the incident.

On May 18, 2016, a jury found the defendant guilty as charged on all counts and specifications, including: Felonious Assault with a deadly weapon, Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises, Abduction, Domestic Violence and Having Weapons While Under Disability (from a prior Federal drug conviction).

Today, the defendant was sentenced to a total of 15 years in the penitentiary.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant fired multiple shots at his estranged wife in their neighborhood. He could have easily killed her or shot an innocent neighbor. Thankfully no one was struck by his bullets."

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