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## **Clayton Man Found Guilty for Abduction, Shooting at Estranged Wife**

*State v. James Deaton, 2016-CR-66*

**DAYTON, OH (05/18/2016)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **James A. Deaton**, 48, of Clayton, has been found guilty as charged on all counts and specifications related to 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.

Today, a jury found the defendant guilty as charged on all counts and specifications, including:

- One count of Felonious Assault with a deadly weapon
- One count of Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises
- One count of Abduction
- One count of Domestic Violence
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability (from a prior Federal drug conviction)

All of the counts except for domestic violence and having weapons while under disability include 3-year firearm specifications because the defendant used a firearm when committing the crimes.

The defendant was taken into custody and will be sentenced on June 14, 2016 at 9:15 am.

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