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Motion Filed to Transfer Dunbar Player
Assaulted Referee During Game
State v. Jasaun Debrito, JC2019-04396

DAYTON, OH (10/03/2019) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today the filing of a motion to transfer **Jasaun Debrito**, 17, of Dayton, to be tried as an adult for head-butting a referee during a football game at Welcome Stadium on August 31, 2019.

On Saturday, August 31, 2019, the Dunbar Wolverines were playing a home game against the Roger Bacon Spartans at Welcome Stadium. Approximately five minutes into the second quarter, the Dunbar team received their 12th penalty, which was called against the defendant. The defendant was told by the referee to leave the field for the next play.

The defendant approached the referee and, while wearing his helmet, head-butted the referee. The defendant then approached another official in a threatening manner, but teammates, coaches, and other officials escorted the defendant off the field.

The victim/referee suffered a concussion from the incident, and reported having lingering serious health issues.

The defendant has been charged with one count of Felonious Assault causing serious physical harm. Due to the serious nature of the victim's injuries, and the age of the defendant, a motion to transfer has been filed for the defendant to be tried as an adult.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This incident was sickening. The defendant clearly became angry with the game official and seriously assaulted him. This is way beyond unsportsmanlike conduct - this was a felonious assault and this defendant should be held accountable. Football is a contact sport, but a referee should never be in fear of being physically attacked by a player."

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