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Dayton Man Sentenced for Aggravated Murder of Kettering Insurance Agent

State v. Joshua Dehart, 2020-CR-1111

DAYTON, OH (1/5/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **JOSHUA DAVID DEHART, 38**, of Dayton, was sentenced to a total 20 years-to-life in prison after being convicted for the murder of 74-year-old Barton Wilson at his office on March 9, 2020.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Kettering Police received a 911 call about a body inside Barton Wilson’s insurance office on Wilmington Pike. The deceased was identified at 74-year-old Barton Wilson. The cause of death was determined to be from blunt force trauma to the back of the victim’s head.

Kettering officers identified the defendant as the person who committed the fatal attack through the use of witness statements, video surveillance, and other physical evidence. The defendant worked as a handyman at the victim’s rental properties.

On May 8, 2020, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant on counts of Aggravated Murder and Aggravated Burglary.

Today, the defendant was found guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. He will not be eligible for consideration of parole until he has served 20 years.

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