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## **Grand Jury Votes Not To Indict in Police Shooting**

***State v. John Doe & John Doe 2015-CR-3136***

**DAYTON, OH (11/20/2015)** – Over a period of three days, the Montgomery County Grand Jury heard testimony and evidence related to the shooting death of Dontae Martin by Montgomery County Sheriff Deputies that occurred on July 23, 2015 outside of 318 Springbrook Boulevard, Harrison Township, Ohio.

After consideration of all the testimony and evidence, the Grand Jury returned a no true bill, finding the deputies acted in self-defense.

Montgomery County Sheriff Deputies responded to a 911 call in which the vehicle Mr. Martin was driving ran off the road and struck a parked car in a residential driveway. When the deputies approached Mr. Martin's vehicle, he was holding a loaded handgun, and ignored repeated commands to drop the weapon. Mr. Martin pointed his weapon at one of the deputies. In imminent fear for their lives, the Deputies discharged their duty weapons, shooting Mr. Martin.

The Grand Jury considered all the evidence gathered from an extensive investigation of the matter, including testimony from a total of 14 witnesses, including deputies and a number of civilian eyewitnesses.

The Grand Jury also considered forensic evidence gathered from ballistics, DNA testing, autopsy findings, and toxicology testing in reaching its decision.

In response to some questions that we have received, the deceased was not legally barred from owning a firearm. Additionally, the firearm and the ammunition involved in this case can both be purchased at gun stores. However, no one is permitted to possess a loaded firearm in a vehicle without a CCW permit.

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