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Drunk Driver Indicted for Killing and Seriously Injuring Motorists

State v. Efrain Garcia, 2015-CR-0020

DAYTON, OH (01/29/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Efrain Garcia**, 24, a Mexican citizen, has been indicted for a traffic crash that killed a 67-year-old woman and seriously injured her 46-year-old son-in-law.

Around 5:00 a.m. on the morning of December 13, 2014, police and medics responded to a traffic crash at the intersection of Kettering Blvd. and State Rt. 741 in Moraine. The defendant made an illegal left turn at the intersection, striking an on-coming vehicle in the driver's side. The driver of the on-coming vehicle had been taking his mother-in-law to her scheduled kidney dialysis appointment. Both were seriously injured, and were transported to the hospital.

At the time of the crash, the defendant had a blood-alcohol concentration of .152, nearly double the legal limit. Additionally, the defendant did not possess a valid driver's license.

Nine days later, the passenger, 67-year-old Rosa Stethem died from complications associated with the injuries sustained in the crash.

Today, the defendant has been indicted on the following counts:

- Two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide
- Two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Assault

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant should not have been driving at all, and additionally made the tragic decision to drive while highly intoxicated. Such reckless behavior has left one victim dead and another victim seriously injured."

The defendant is currently being held in the Montgomery County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned on February 3, 2015 at 8:30 am.

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