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Dayton Man Indicted for Disciplining Child by Forcing into Vehicle Trunk
State v. Damon Ellis, 2020-CR-4041

DAYTON, OH (12/31/2020) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **DAMON EUGENE ELLIS**, 44, has been indicted on counts in connection to locking a child in the trunk of a vehicle as a punishment.

On Saturday, December 26, 2020, a neighbor called 911 after seeing the defendant forcibly drag an 8-year-old boy from the defendant's Water Street apartment and place the child in the trunk of a car. The caller reported that the child had no coat or shoes.

Video surveillance of the incident was obtained and showed the victim being forced into the trunk. The victim stated to the police that the defendant had put him in the trunk of the car as a way to discipline him.

Today, the Montgomery County Grand Jury has indicted the defendant for:

- Two counts of Kidnapping
- One count of Endangering Children
- One count of Abduction

Prosecutor Heck added, "The actions of this defendant are just appalling. To lock a child in the trunk of a car without shoes or a coat when it was about 20 degrees outside is simply inhumane. Thankfully, a citizen called the police. This is an example of why we say, 'see something, say something.'"

The defendant will be arraigned on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

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