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Huber Heights Man Found Guilty in Death of 1 Year Old

State v. Dionte Evans, 2015-CR-1084

DAYTON, OH (05/26/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Dionte R. Evans**, 22, of Huber Heights, was found guilty by a jury of causing the death of his girlfriend's 21 month old son, Keyontae R. Ellis-Bell, inside the Huber Heights apartment they shared.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, the mother of the victim called 911 to report that her son was not breathing. EMTs responded and determined the child was deceased. Huber Heights Police detectives began their investigation and it was determined the defendant was left alone to care for the victim while the victim's mother was at work. When the victim's mother came home from work she immediately called 911. Further investigation determined the defendant caused the child victim's death. The Coroner determined the child died as a result of blunt force trauma.

The defendant was found guilty of:

- One count Murder (proximate result of committing endangering children)
- One count Involuntary Manslaughter
- Two counts Endangering Children

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This tragic and senseless death of a defenseless 21 month-old child at the hands of his caregiver is appalling. Parents need to be cautious when deciding who to trust to care for their children."

The defendant's bond was revoked and he will remain in currently, awaiting his sentencing, which is scheduled for June 27, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

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