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Two Dayton Adults Sentenced in Manslaughter Case

State v. Harley Farrell and Darryl Ferguson, 2014-CR-2059

DAYTON, OH (02/25/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that two Dayton men, 25-year-old **Harley M. Farrell** and 18-year-old **Darryl Ferguson** were sentenced for the beating death of Ryan Adams.

On June 8, 2014, the defendants got into a fight with the victim on Deeds Avenue, in Dayton. The victim was violently beaten and rendered unconscious, at which time defendant Farrell robbed him of his wallet and shoes.

Some of the incident was captured on a cellphone video camera by a juvenile who was present. The next day, a third co-defendant, Crystal D. Bittner, discovered the video and smashed the phone, then disposed of it in the trash.

The victim was hospitalized due to his injuries. On August 27, 2014, he died as a direct result of the violent beating he received.

Defendant Bittner was convicted of tampering with evidence and was sentenced to probation on November 19, 2014. Co-defendant Farrell agreed to cooperate with police and testify against defendant Ferguson, and pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter, aggravated robbery, felonious assault and tampering with evidence.

Defendant Ferguson, who was transferred from Juvenile Court to be tried as an adult because he was 17 at the time of the incident and has a lengthy juvenile record of prior violent convictions, was found guilty by the court of voluntary manslaughter and aggravated assault.

Both defendants, Farrell and Ferguson, were each sentenced to a total of 11 years incarceration.

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