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Man Sentenced to Life for Murder of 17-Year-Old Ex-Girlfriend

State v. Trendell Goodwin, 2018-CR-3878

DAYTON, OH (01/09/2020) – Montgomery County Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **TRENDELL LAMONT GOODWIN**, 29, of Dayton, was sentenced to 18 years-to-life in prison after being convicted of the shooting death of his ex-girlfriend, 17-year-old LaShonda Childs, which occurred on October 2, 2018.

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, the defendant got into an argument with a male and the female victim, who had arrived by car on Mumma Avenue. The argument continued outside the vehicle until the defendant brandished a firearm. The female then called 911 and gave the dispatcher the address and the name of the defendant, and told the dispatcher that the defendant was pointing a gun at the head of the male. The pair then got back into the car and were attempting to drive away when the defendant went to the driver's side of the vehicle and fired into the vehicle.

The victim was struck in the head. The male drove directly to Grandview Medical Center with the injured female victim. The defendant was arrested later that evening. The victim died as a result of her injuries the next day.

On October 11, 2018, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant. On September 18, 2019, the defendant entered a guilty plea and was found guilty on counts of Murder, Felonious Assault, and Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises. The murder count includes a 3-year firearm specification.

The defendant was scheduled to be sentenced on October 25, 2019, but the defendant filed a motion to withdraw his plea. That motion was overruled after a hearing was held on November 26, 2019.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until he has served at least 18 years.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This 17-year-old victim had posted multiple times on social media about how scared she was of this defendant. The defendant had a history of violent behavior towards the victim, whom he eventually shot and killed. It is vitally important that anyone who is the victim of domestic violence immediately contact the police and follow through in order to hold the abuser responsible. My office's Victim/Witness Division offers assistance to victims through a 24-hour hotline, 937-225-5623."

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