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Dayton Man Guilty in Shooting of 2 Year Old

State v. Nikolai J. Gray, Jr. 2015-CR-3999

DAYTON, OH (06/06/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Nikolai J. Gray, Jr.**, 20, of Dayton, has been found guilty on charges relating to the December 24, 2015 shooting of a firearm at a vehicle in which a 2 year old passenger was struck.

On December 24, 2015, the defendant fired a handgun at the rear of a vehicle that was on Blueberry Avenue, near N. Gettysburg Avenue. The round went through the rear of the vehicle and struck a 2-year-old child that was in a child car seat in the back seat of the vehicle. When the driver of the vehicle realized what had occurred, he sped away on N. Gettysburg Avenue, but crashed into a tree near the intersection at James H. McGee Boulevard.

On June 3, 2016, the defendant was found guilty by the court of:

- One count Felonious Assault with a deadly weapon
- One count Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises
- One count Having Weapons While Under Disability

All of the counts, except for the having weapons while under disability count, have a 3-year firearm specification, because the defendant used a firearm in the commission of his crimes.

The defendant is currently in custody, being held on a \$500,000 bond. He will be sentenced on June 23, 2016 at 2:30 pm.

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