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Troy Man Sentenced for Fatal Vandalia Crash

Killed Mother of Four

State v. Scott Gray, 2015-CR-3454

DAYTON, OH (05/31/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 37 year old **Scott Gray**, of Troy, was sentenced to a total of 4 years in prison for a fatal vehicle crash in Vandalia on July 11, 2015.

During the early morning hours of July 11, 2015, the victim, 37-year-old Melissa Carlson, of Englewood, was a passenger in a vehicle that was struck by the defendant's vehicle on South Dixie Drive near Crestview Drive in Vandalia. The defendant fled the scene on foot. The victim, her husband, who was driving, and the two passengers in the defendant's car were all transported to the hospital.

Days after the crash, the defendant turned himself in to the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The defendant's vehicle's event data recorder showed the defendant's vehicle was traveling 101 mph five seconds before the crash and 76 mph one second before the crash in a marked 35 mph zone. The defendant did not have a valid driver's license at the time of the crash.

On September 5, 2015, the victim died as a result of the injuries she sustained in the crash.

The defendant was convicted of Vehicular Homicide and three counts of Failure to Stop After Accident. The defendant was sentenced to a total of 4 years in the penitentiary, was ordered to pay \$8,625 in restitution and had his driver's license suspended for a total of 9 years.

Prosecutor Heck added, "This defendant's negligence and poor judgement took the life of a mother of four school age children, forever altering the lives of many people. Appropriately, he will be locked up for the next four years and will not be eligible for any early release."

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