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## **New Carlisle Man Indicted in Harrison Township Fatal Crash**

*State v. Joshua Hackney 2016-CR-1232*

**DAYTON, OH (05/11/2016)** – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 30-year-old **Joshua P. Hackney**, of New Carlisle, has been indicted for the death of a 74 year old woman and the injury of her 77 year old husband, in a traffic crash that occurred on February 22, 2016 in Harrison Township.

Approximately 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016, the defendant was driving Northbound on Frederick Pike near Beejay Court in Harrison Township when he drove left of center, striking the victims' vehicle head-on. The defendant, as well as the driver and passenger in the victims' vehicle were all transported to the hospital. The passenger, 74 year old Kathleen Kidwell, died at the hospital as a result of the injuries she sustained in the crash. Her 77 year old husband suffered serious injuries.

The investigation into the crash determined the defendant had heroin in his system at the time of the crash, and investigators discovered the defendant had a baggie and heroin syringe in his possession. Additionally, the defendant's license to drive was suspended at the time of the crash.

Today, the defendant has been indicted on:

- Three counts Aggravated Vehicular Homicide
- One count Vehicular Homicide
- Two counts Aggravated Vehicular Assault
- Two counts Vehicular Assault
- One count Tampering With Evidence
- One count Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant killed an elderly woman because he was driving when he was under the influence of heroin. This is a tragic case, and the defendant must be held responsible for his reckless and irresponsible decision to drive while impaired."

The defendant is set to be arraigned on May 26, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

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