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Driver in Huber Heights Fiery Crash Indicted on Additional Charges

State v. Cory Harbarger, 2023-CR-0252

DAYTON, OH (03/10/2023) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **CORY ALLEN HARBARGER**, 27, of Dayton, has been indicted on ten additional counts in connection to a fiery traffic crash on January 24, 2023, that took the life of an elderly Tipp City man.

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, Harrison Township deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle that had been stolen in Clark County. The vehicle fled from the deputies, striking another vehicle before driving onto Northbound I-75, then east on I-70 towards Huber Heights. In the area of I-70 and Brandt Pike, the defendant left the highway and went South on Brandt Pike at a high rate of speed. In the 6600 block of Brandt Pike, the defendant crashed the stolen car into several other vehicles. The defendant fled on foot. Soon after the crash, three vehicles, including the stolen vehicle, caught fire.

Officers located the defendant hiding nearby and took him into custody. Two of the other drivers who were in the traffic crash were seriously injured. On January 28, 2023, one of the victims, 68-year-old Steven Jay Carlson, of Tipp City, died as a result of being critically burned in the crash.

On February 3, 2023, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant on counts of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Involuntary Manslaughter, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, Vehicular Assault, Failure to Comply with the Order of Signal of a Police Officer, Receiving Stolen Property – motor vehicle, Tampering with Evidence, and OVI.

Today, after receiving lab reports that the defendant's blood tested positive for both marijuana metabolite and methamphetamine at the time of the incident, the defendant has been indicted on 10 additional counts:

- Two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide
- Six counts of Aggravated Vehicular Assault
- Two counts of Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence

The defendant will be arraigned in the additional charges on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

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