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Dayton Woman Guilty in Fatal Dog Attack

State v. Kimiko Hardy, 2015-CR-1185

DAYTON, OH (05/6/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 38-year-old **Kimiko Hardy**, of Dayton, has been found guilty for the death of her step-grandson, caused by the defendant's Pit Bull dog attack.

On July 20, 2014, the victim, 7-month-old Jonathan Quarles, Jr. was visiting his step-grandmother's home on Riverside Drive in Dayton. The defendant's Pit Bull mix dog, Busa, attacked the infant inside the home, killing him.

The investigation determined that the defendant/owner of the animal was aware that the dog was dangerous. The dog had charged at a letter carrier in April, 2014, causing the postal worker to be off work for two weeks, and the postal service to refuse to deliver mail to the home for six months. Then, on June 3, 2014, just weeks before the fatal mauling, the dog bit and attacked a dog that was being walked on the sidewalk in front of the home. The defendant was required and did attend classes at the Animal Resource Center on responsible dog ownership.

The animal was taken by the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center and was euthanized in September, 2014.

Today, the defendant was found guilty as charged of:

- Involuntary Manslaughter (Endangering children)
- Endangering Children
- Involuntary Manslaughter (Failure to Confine or Restrain Vicious Dog)
- Failure to Confine or Restrain Vicious Dog
- Involuntary Manslaughter (Failure to Control Dog)
- Involuntary Manslaughter (Violation of City of Dayton Ordinance for controlling dogs)

The defendant will be sentenced on June 9, 2016 at 9:30 am.

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