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Dayton Woman Indicted in Fatal Dog Attack

State v. Kimiko Hardy, 2015-CR-1185

DAYTON, OH (07/22/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 37-year-old **Kimiko Hardy**, of Dayton, has been indicted for the death of her step-grandson, caused by the defendant's dog.

On July 20, 2014, the victim, 8-month-old Jonathan Quarles, Jr. was visiting his step-grandmother's home on Riverside Drive in Dayton. The defendant's Pit Bull mix dog, Bussa, 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.

Today, the defendant was indicted on:

- One count Involuntary Manslaughter, based on Endangering Children
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- One count Involuntary Manslaughter, based on Failure to Confine or Restrain Vicious Dog
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- One count Involuntary Manslaughter, based on Failure to Control Dog
- One count Involuntary Manslaughter, based on a City of Dayton Ordinance for controlling dogs

All of the counts are felony charges.

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

Prosecutor Heck added, "This defendant was well aware that her dog was a dangerous, even vicious animal, yet she failed to properly control the animal and it killed a completely helpless infant. Dog owners need to be responsible and properly control their pets at all times to ensure no person or other animal is injured."

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