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Dayton Grandmother Sentenced for Fatal Dog Attack of Infant

State v. Kimiko Hardy, 2015-CR-1185

DAYTON, OH (06/09/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 38-year-old **Kimiko Hardy**, of Dayton, was sentenced to 3 years in prison for the death of her step-grandson, which was 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 clearly 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.

On May 6, 2016, a jury found the defendant guilty as charged of four counts of involuntary manslaughter, one count of endangering children and one count of failure to confine or restrain a vicious dog.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This child’s death was a horrible and tragic incident that was completely preventable if the defendant had taken steps to protect the infant from the dog. If you own a dog, you are responsible for controlling that animal, especially one that has a history of being aggressive.”

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