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Police Officer Impersonator Found Guilty

State v. Jason Harrold, 2015-CR-712/1

DAYTON, OH (07/15/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Jason Harrold**, 35, has been found guilty as charged for crimes involving impersonating a police officer.

On March 7, 2015, defendant Harrold, dressed as a police officer, identified himself as a Dayton Police Officer to victims staying at the Ramada Inn at 2301 Wagner Ford Road in Harrison Township. The defendant took the victims' wallets, claiming he was looking for people with warrants, and never returned them. The defendant formerly was employed as a private security officer at the hotel.

On March 9, 2015, the defendant robbed a person at a home on Burgess Avenue in Harrison Township. Again, defendant Harrold was dressed as a police officer and identified himself as a Dayton Police Officer. Defendant Harrold handcuffed the victim and took items from the victim, saying that they could be retrieved from the Dayton Police.

Today, defendant Harrold was found guilty as charged on two counts Impersonating a Police Officer, one count Aggravated Burglary with a deadly weapon, one count Aggravated Robbery with a deadly weapon, and one count of Abduction.

The defendant is in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$250,000 bond. He will be sentenced on August 5, 2015.

One of the co-defendants, Jacob Reigelsperger, will also be sentenced on August 5, 2015. On July 9, 2015, he was found guilty of one count each of Possession of Cocaine, Aggravated Possession of Drugs, and Possession of Heroin.

The case against the third co-defendant, Nikole Reigelsperger, is still pending.

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