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Brookville Man Sentenced for Involuntary Manslaughter

Defendant Provided Victim with Heroin

State v. Brian Hawk, 2015-CR-1031 & 2015-CR-1931

DAYTON, OH (12/30/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 26-year-old **Brian J. Hawk**, of Brookville, has been convicted and sentenced to a total of 4 ½ years in the penitentiary for the heroin overdose death of 44-year-old **Jeffrey Alan Clark**, also of Brookville.

On May 31, 2014, friends of the victim called 911 after the victim was found to be unresponsive, and they could not wake him. The cause of death was a fatal overdose of heroin.

The police investigation uncovered that the defendant provided heroin to the victim. When the defendant found the victim unresponsive, the defendant failed to seek medical assistance. Subsequently, another person called 911. Paramedics responded but the victim was already dead.

Today, the defendant was convicted of one count of Involuntary Manslaughter, and one count of Trafficking in Drugs. In an unrelated case, the defendant was also convicted of one count of Possession of Heroin.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “Those who sell, give or provide heroin, or any illegal drug, to another person who then dies from an overdose should be on notice that we will prosecute and hold you accountable for that person’s death. I want to commend the Brookville Police Department for their tireless efforts in this case in ensuring justice for the victim.”

Brookville Police Major Tom Simon added, “We are pleased with the outcome in this case. I want to express our thanks to the Prosecutor’s Office for their hard work and to the citizens of Brookville for their cooperation. Hopefully this case will serve as a deterrent to others.”

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