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Riverside Man Sentenced to Prison for Fatal Hit-Skip Crash

State v. Jeremy Hawks, 2015-CR-951

DAYTON, OH (08/25/2015) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 44 year old **Jeremy W. Hawks**, of Riverside, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for vehicular homicide and leaving the scene of a fatal traffic crash.

During the evening hours of Saturday, August 16, 2014, the victims were riding a motorcycle heading East on Germantown Street in Dayton. The defendant was driving West on Germantown Street in his pickup truck. The defendant attempted to turn left onto Conners Street and turned into the path of the motorcycle. The front of the truck struck the motorcycle, causing both riders to be thrown from the bike. The defendant continued driving and left the scene of the crash.

The victims, off-duty Dayton Police Sergeant Gary Lowe and his fiancé, 51 year old Rhonda Boyer, of Farmersville, were both seriously injured. Both were transported to the hospital, but Ms. Boyer injuries proved to be fatal.

From the description provided by the victim and witnesses, the truck was able to be located by police a short time later in the vicinity of South Broadway Street at Weaver Street, where it had been abandoned after crashing into a stop sign. The driver was identified and arrested. He was later released pending further investigation.

On July 29, 2015, the defendant was found guilty as charged on two counts of Vehicular Homicide and four counts of Failure to Stop After an Accident. In addition to two years in the penitentiary, the defendant's driver license was suspended for six years, and he was ordered to pay nearly \$6,000 in restitution to the victims. Once the defendant is released from prison, he will serve three years on post-release control.

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