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Riverside Man Indicted for Rape of 2-Year-Old

State v. Demonte Heard, 2021-CR-4215

DAYTON, OH (02/02/2022) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **DEMONTE LAVON HEARD**, 21, of Dayton, has been indicted on counts related to sexually assaulting a 2-year-old girl.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a sexual assault complaint involving a 2-year-old child victim. They learned the child's mother had dropped the toddler off with a babysitter on December 23rd, and picked her up on December 24th. When the mother changed the girl's diaper, she found a lot of blood, and took the child to Dayton Children's Hospital. An examination discovered the girl had significant internal vaginal injuries which required surgery.

Further investigation determined the babysitter had left the victim with the defendant while she ran some errands and the defendant sexually assaulted the child.

Today, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant on:

- 1 count of Rape of a Child under 10 years of age
- 1 count of Rape of a Child under 13 - by force
- 1 count of Rape of a Child under 13 - serious physical harm
- 1 count of Felonious Assault - serious physical harm
- 1 count of Child Endangering - serious physical harm

The defendant is currently on probation after having been convicted in 2020 of Carrying Concealed Weapons and Receiving Stolen Property – firearm. At the time he was convicted on those counts, he was also granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC) after admitting to stealing a motor vehicle in July, 2019.

Prosecutor Heck added, "This defendant has been given multiple breaks. He was placed on probation and ILC in December, 2020. In January, 2021 a capias was issued for his arrest. After he was arrested, he was once again placed on probation. Then, in March, 2021 another capias was issued for his arrest. After he was arrested again, he was again placed back on probation. Yet again, a third capias was issued in June 2021."

The defendant will be arraigned on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

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