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## **Parents Indicted for Severely Malnourished Children**

*State v. Maleah Henry-Reed & Dustin Shade, 2023-CR-0160*

**DAYTON, OH (01/27/2023)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **MALEAH RENEE HENRY-REED**, 20, and **DUSTIN WILLIAM SHADE**, 25, of Riverside, have been indicted on counts in connection to their children being seriously malnourished.

On Tuesday, January 17, 2023, defendant Henry-Reed took her 15-month-old daughter to Hope Medical Center in Dayton because the child was sick. The child was immediately transported by ambulance to Dayton Children’s Hospital and was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. Dayton Police officers were dispatched to the hospital on a child endangerment call from hospital staff. The 15-month-old victim was so malnourished that she weighed less than 10 pounds – closer to what a 15-week-old child would weigh.

Riverside Police officers were contacted and obtained a search warrant for the defendant’s residence. Upon arrival, they located the child’s father, defendant Shade, and the couple’s 5-year-old son. The son was also transported to the hospital and he was found to be so malnourished that he only weighed about 20 pounds.

Upon further investigation, it was learned that defendant Henry-Reed is also pregnant with the pair’s third child.

Today, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted both defendants for:

- Two counts of Endangering Children – serious physical harm
- Two counts of Endangering Children – parent (serious harm)
- One count of Tampering with Evidence

Prosecutor Heck continued, “There is simply no excuse for what these starving children endured. These defendants were literally starving their children to death. Thankfully the victims received the urgent medical care they desperately needed.”

Defendants Dustin Shade is in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$500,000 bond. He will be arraigned on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Defendant Maleah Henry-Reed posted bond and was released. She will be arraigned on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. We have filed a motion with the court to have the bond increased to \$1,000,000 on both defendants.

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