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Man Indicted for Death of Girlfriend's Unborn Child

State v. Tanner Devon Hopkins, 2015-CR-0121

DAYTON, OH (01/23/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Tanner Devon Hopkins**, 24, of Dayton, has been indicted for beating his pregnant girlfriend and causing the death of their unborn child.

On January 13, 2015, police and medics responded to a 911 call on Edison Street in Dayton. They found the pregnant victim lying in the street, crying for help. She was vomiting heavily and had signs of substantial bruising on her chest and stomach. They transported the victim to the hospital. An emergency C-Section was performed, but her baby was found to be deceased. The cause of death was later determined to be from blunt force trauma.

Today, the defendant has been indicted on the following counts:

- One count of Murder
- One count of Involuntary Manslaughter
- One count of Reckless Homicide
- One count of Felonious Assault
- Two counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability

Repeat Violent Offender specifications are added due to the defendant's prior convictions.

The defendant is currently on probation, having been convicted in 2013 of aggravated assault and having weapons while under disability, for shooting at the car of his ex-girlfriend. In 2009, the defendant received a two-year prison sentence after he was convicted of felonious assault for punching an off-duty police officer in the face, breaking her nose. The officer was working as a loss prevention officer at a Kroger store when she caught the defendant shoplifting some candy bars.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant is a very violent and dangerous convicted felon. He beat this victim so severely, that he caused the death of their unborn child. The victim is still in the hospital suffering from horrific injuries that have required several surgeries."

The defendant is currently being held in the Montgomery County Jail on a \$500,000 bond. He is set to be arraigned on January 27, 2015 at 8:30 am.

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