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Man Found Guilty in Death of Girlfriend's Unborn Child

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

DAYTON, OH (04/07/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Tanner Devon Hopkins**, 25, of Dayton, has been found guilty as charged 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.

After a jury trial, the defendant was found guilty as charged of Murder, Involuntary Manslaughter, Reckless Homicide, and Felonious Assault. In addition, the court found the defendant guilty of two counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability.

The defendant was on probation at the time of this vicious attack, having been convicted in 2013 of Aggravated Assault and Having Weapons While Under Disability, for shooting at the car of another 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.

The defendant is currently being held in the Montgomery County Jail. He will be sentenced on April 21, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

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