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## **Dayton Man Indicted for Wayne Avenue Incident**

*State v. Shawn Keirns, 2020-CR-3025*

**DAYTON, OH (10/01/2020)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **SHAWN DWAYNE KEIRNS**, 49, of Dayton, has been indicted on counts in connection to an incident on Wayne Avenue on September 24, 2020.

During the early morning hours of Thursday, September 24, 2020, the defendant was on standing in the middle of Wayne Avenue in Dayton and flagged down a motorist. The motorist stopped to see if the defendant needed assistance, and when he rolled down his passenger side window, the defendant reached inside the vehicle, opened the door, and grabbed the motorist's 9mm handgun, which was on the passenger seat. The defendant then ran down Wayne Avenue and fired several shots from the gun, including at other motorists. When Dayton police officers arrived, they confronted the defendant, who pointed the firearm directly at one of the officers. After repeatedly ordering the defendant to drop the weapon, officers shot the defendant. The officers rendered medical aid and the defendant was transported to the hospital.

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

- One count of Felonious Assault on a Police Officer
- One count of Felonious Assault
- One count of Grand Theft of a Firearm
- One count of Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability – prior offense of violence
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability – prior drug conviction

The defendant has previously been convicted in a number of cases, including for Aggravated Assault, Assault on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, and Non-Support of Dependents. The defendant was convicted and sentenced in January of this year for Aggravated Possession of Drugs.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.