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Dayton Man Shot by Police Sentenced

State v. Shawn Keirns, 2020-CR-3025

DAYTON, OH (03/11/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **SHAWN DWAYNE KEIRNS**, 50, of Dayton, was sentenced to a total of 9 to 10 ½ years in prison after being convicted 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.

On February 25, 2021, the defendant was found guilty of Felonious Assault on a Police Officer, Felonious Assault, and Grand Theft of a Firearm.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to a total of 9 to 10 ½ years in prison. On February 25, 2021, the officers involved in the shooting were cleared by the Montgomery County Grand Jury.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “Thankfully, the only person who was injured was the defendant and not any innocent bystanders or officers. This was an extremely dangerous situation, caused by the defendant, that could very easily have turned deadly.”

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