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Dayton Man Sentenced in Senseless Death

State v. Michael Martin, 2016-CR-0977

DAYTON, OH (07/11/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Michael J. Martin**, 58, of Dayton, was sentenced 30 years to life for the fatal shooting of 38 year old Gary Lamar Tisdale.

On March 26, 2016, while sitting in his vehicle, the defendant fired a handgun at the victim through the open sunroof as the victim was standing by the vehicle on the passenger side.

The victim got into his vehicle and drove away. The defendant chased the victim continuing to shoot. Due to his injuries from the gunshot the victim, Gary Lamar Tisdale, lost control of his vehicle and ultimately the vehicle crashed into a tree on James H. McGee. Paramedics pronounced the victim dead when they arrived at the scene of the crash.

The defendant was found guilty by a jury on June 14, 2016 of two counts Murder, two counts Felonious Assault, one count Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises, one count Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle.

The defendant had been previously convicted in 1996 for Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs and in 2010 for Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This was a senseless shooting by the defendant, who has shown no remorse. He will spend the rest of his life in the penitentiary.”

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