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Fairborn Man Indicted for Crash that Killed 13-Year-Old Son

State v. Matthew Melton, 2021-CR-1103

DAYTON, OH (06/08/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **MATTHEW DALE MELTON**, 34, of Fairborn, has been indicted for causing the death of his 13-year-old son, Kaden, in a traffic crash that occurred in Perry Township, Ohio on October 14, 2020.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 14, 2020, the defendant was driving a Dodge Charger on Old Dayton Road in Perry Township at a high rate of speed. The defendant lost control of the vehicle, striking a guardrail, then a utility pole, before rolling over multiple times. The defendant's 13-year-old son, who was in the rear passenger seat and was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle through the back window. The vehicle rolled onto the child, killing him.

The investigation determined that the vehicle was traveling 103 mph in a 45 mph zone at the time of the crash.

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

- One count Involuntary Manslaughter
- One count Aggravated Vehicular Homicide
- One count Endangering Children

Prosecutor Heck continued, "The tragic and senseless death of this 13-year-old boy could have so easily been prevented. In addition to driving well over double the posted speed limit, this defendant didn't even check to make sure his son was wearing his seatbelt. There is simply no excuse for such reckless and criminal behavior."

A warrant has been issued for the defendant. He will be arraigned on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

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