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Prosecutor Files Motion To Transfer Juveniles to Adult Court

Arrested after Pursuit in Warren and Montgomery Counties

State v. Jaytavion Russell, Angelo Champion and Ronald Stone, Jr.

DAYTON, OH (09/16/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today the filing of motions to transfer three juveniles arrested after a multi-county pursuit of a stolen vehicle on August 23, 2016. The motion seeks to transfer the defendants to the adult criminal division to be tried as adults.

In the early morning hours of August 23, 2016, the Ohio State Highway Patrol received a report of a possible drunken driver on State Route 63 in Warren County. When the trooper tried to initiate a traffic stop, the vehicle fled north on Interstate 75 at speeds reaching 120 mph. Eventually, the pursuit entered the City of Dayton where the vehicle exited the highway at the West Second Street exit and crashed. **Angelo Champion**, age 14, was inside the vehicle and was arrested without incident. Two other juveniles, defendant **Ronald Stone**, age 16, and **Jaytavion Russell**, also age 16, fled from the vehicle and ran back towards the interstate, forcing police to shut down Southbound I-75 while they searched for them. Both were taken into custody a short time later.

The vehicle the defendants were in had been reported stolen from a home in Harrison Township. Inside the vehicle, officers located a large amount of alcohol, as well as many cartons of cigarettes, believed to have been taken during a breaking and entering of the Liquor & Wine Warehouse on York Commons Boulevard in Butler Township on August 15, 2016.

Co-Defendant Russell is charged with Receiving Stolen Property, Failure to Comply With the Order of Signal of a Police Officer, Breaking and Entering, Underage Drinking and Obstructing Official Business. He has previously been adjudicated in Juvenile Court of receiving stolen property, and robbery.

Co-Defendant Stone is charged with Receiving Stolen Property, Breaking and Entering, Underage Drinking and Obstructing Official Business. He has previously been adjudicated in juvenile court of attempted burglary, domestic violence, receiving stolen property, criminal damaging and intimidation of a crime victim.

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Co-Defendant Champion is charged with Receiving Stolen Property, Breaking and Entering and Obstruction of Official Business. He has previously been adjudicated in juvenile court of theft and twice for burglary.

All three co-defendants have been detained in custody since their arrest.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "These juveniles were out in the middle on the night, riding around in a stolen car, drinking and partying. They fled from police, endangering the lives of not only other motorists but also the officers involved in the pursuit. We are asking the court to transfer the juveniles to be tried as adults due to the serious and dangerous nature of their crimes."

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