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Prosecutor Files Motion To Transfer Three Juveniles to Adult Court

Six Arrested for Attempted Vandalia Firearm Theft

State v. Jahmal Lewis JC-16-4110, Brandon Ingram JC-16-4108 and David Crawford JC-16-4107

DAYTON, OH (07/26/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today the filing of motions to transfer three juvenile defendants to the adult criminal division to be tried as adults.

The three were involved in the June 27, 2016 attempted theft of firearms from Vandalia Tactical, a Federally Licensed Firearms dealer on North Dixie Drive in Vandalia. Vandalia Police, as well as federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were able to thwart the break in, and arrested six individuals, including four juveniles.

Defendant Lewis, 15 years old, is awaiting disposition on a multi-defendant car theft operation that was prosecuted earlier this year.

Defendant Ingram, 16 years old, has prior convictions of menacing and multiple assaults.

Defendant Crawford, 16 years old, is currently on probation and has prior convictions of trespass in a habitation, and multiple thefts.

All three co-defendants have been charged with Attempted Theft of Firearms from a Federally Licensed Dealer, a felony of the second degree.

A fourth juvenile is 12 years old, and is ineligible, because of his age, to be tried as an adult. The two adults who were arrested are being prosecuted through the federal system.

The defendants are facing a possible 8 year adult prison sentence if found guilty.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “These juveniles were planning and attempting to commit the theft of firearms. We have seen in other firearm theft cases that these guns would end up on the street, being used to commit violent crimes.”

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