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Franklin Man Indicted for GTA and Kidnapping

State v. Justin Mulligan, 2020-CR-2921

DAYTON, OH (09/25/2020) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **JUSTIN PATRICK MULLIGAN**, 24, of Franklin, has been indicted on counts in connection to stealing a car that had two children in the back seat.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, Miamisburg police officers were dispatched to a laundromat in the 200 block of North Main Street on a report of a stolen vehicle. The owner's two children, ages 4 and 6, who were inside the vehicle, were also missing. The victim's children had been in the backseat of the vehicle, covered with a large stuffed animal, and were sleeping when they arrived at the laundromat. The victim decided to allow the children to continue to sleep while she did her laundry. When she later looked outside to check on the children, the vehicle was missing.

A description of the stolen vehicle was broadcast to area law enforcement agencies. A short time later, a Warren County Deputy Sheriff located the stolen vehicle at a gas station in Franklin. The defendant was taken into custody. The children were still in the backseat, unharmed.

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

- Two counts of Kidnapping
- One count of Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle

Prosecutor Heck added, "This is the second case in less than a month in which a car was stolen that had a child inside at the time. Thankfully, in both cases the children were recovered uninjured. Parents need to be reminded that under no circumstance should they ever leave their children unattended in a vehicle."

The defendant is currently in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$100,000 bond. He will be arraigned on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.