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No True Bill in Officer-Involved Shooting on Wayne Avenue

State v. John Doe, 2020-CR-3025

DAYTON, OH (2/25/2021) – The Montgomery County Grand Jury heard the testimony and evidence concerning the officer-involved shooting of Shawn Keirns during an incident on Wayne Avenue on September 24, 2020.

During the early morning hours of Thursday, September 24, 2020, Keirns was on standing in the middle of Wayne Avenue in Dayton and flagged down a motorist. The motorist stopped to see if Keirns needed assistance, and when the motorist rolled down his passenger side window, Keirns reached inside the vehicle, opened the door, and grabbed the motorist's 9mm handgun, which was on the passenger seat. Keirns then ran down Wayne Avenue and fired several shots from the gun, including at other motorists. When Dayton police officers arrived, they confronted Keirns, who pointed the firearm directly at one of the officers. Keirns ignored the officer's commands to drop the weapon. Instead, he continued pointing the gun at the officer and even adjusted his aim. The officers shot Keirns, then rendered medical aid until he was transported to the hospital.

Upon consideration of all the testimony and evidence, the Grand Jury returned a No True Bill, finding that the officers acted lawfully under the circumstances.

On October 1, 2020, Keirns was indicted by the Montgomery County Grand Jury for counts of Felonious Assault on a Police Officer, Grand Theft of a Firearm, Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises, and Having Weapons While Under Disability. That case is still pending.

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