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Dayton Man Found Guilty and Sentenced in Toddler's Death

State v. Justin Payne, 2015-CR-2449

DAYTON, OH (04/15/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 27 year old **Justin Payne**, of Dayton, has been found guilty for the death of 2 year old, Jacob Barker.

On Saturday, August 8, 2015, the defendant called 911 to report the 2 year old child had choked on a pop tart. Investigation by the Dayton Police Department determined that the child died from blunt force trauma to the head.

At the time of this incident, the defendant was on post-release control, after serving a 2 ½ year prison sentence for a 2011 incident where he endangered an 8 week old baby girl.

Today, the defendant was found guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter, Endangering Children and Tampering with Evidence.

The defendant was sentenced to a total of 16 years in prison.

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