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Dayton Man Sentenced to Life for Murder of Mansfield Couple

State v. Larry Rodgers, 2019-CR-3832 & 2020-CR-0237

DAYTON, OH (02/11/2022) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **LARRY DWAYNE RODGERS**, 33, of Dayton, was sentenced to two consecutive life in prison sentences after being convicted for the shooting deaths of a Mansfield couple and their unborn child.

On November 18, 2019, Todd Burkhart and Kyla Hayton, of Mansfield, were reported missing. The deceased body of Todd Burkhart was located inside an abandoned home at 900 W. Stewart Street in Dayton. Cadaver dogs also located the deceased body of Kyla Hayton inside an abandoned home at 910 W. Stewart Street. Both victims had been fatally shot.

An autopsy determined that Hayton was five months pregnant at the time she was murdered. Investigators located spent casings at both scenes and ballistic testing determined that both victims were fatally shot with the same firearm.

On December 2, 2019, the defendant was indicted for a count of Having Weapon While Under Disability, for a firearm that was located when the defendant was arrested.

On March 3, 2020, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant for counts including four counts of Aggravated Murder, four counts of Murder, two counts of Involuntary Manslaughter, four counts of Kidnapping, four counts of Felonious Assault, and one count of Having Weapons While Under Disability – prior offense of violence. All of the counts except for the weapons charge include 3-year firearm specifications.

On January 28, 2022, after a trial, a jury returned verdicts of guilty as charged on all counts and specifications in both cases.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences, and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until he has spent at least 72 years in prison.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This was a tragic and senseless homicide case that took the lives of two young adults and their unborn child. This defendant will now spend the rest of his life in prison.”

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