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Man Sentenced for Huffman Avenue Murder

State v. Avelardo Rosales, 2015-CR-2346;2015-CR-2666

DAYTON, OH (05/04/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 25-year-old **Avelardo Rosales** was sentenced for the shooting death of 19-year-old Dallas Lee Draughn on August 2, 2015. A co-defendant, 24-year-old **Joel Arias Guia**, remains at large.

About 10:30pm Sunday, August 2, 2015, the defendants drove past an apartment building in the 1300 block of Huffman Avenue in Dayton, and fired a number of rounds from a .45 cal handgun. The deceased victim was outside in front of the building and was fatally struck in his back. A juvenile, who was inside a next-door apartment, was also shot, but his injuries were not fatal.

Witnesses were able to give descriptions of the two assailants and the truck. Investigators were able to identify the defendants. An arrest warrant was issued for defendant Rosales, who was arrested in St. Louis County, Missouri.

On August 14, 2015, both defendants were indicted by the Montgomery County Grand Jury.

On April 27, 2016, after a trial, the jury found defendant Rosales guilty on counts of murder, felonious assault and improperly discharging a firearm into a habitation.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to 27 years to life in the penitentiary. In addition, the defendant also pled guilty to a Harassment with Bodily Substance charge, as a result with an altercation with a deputy in the jail, adding 12 months concurrently with the murder charges.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of the co-defendant.

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