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## **Trotwood Man Convicted and Sentenced for Aggravated Murder**

*State v. Brian Scales Jr., 2015-CR-419*

**DAYTON, OH (08/12/2015)** – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 21-year-old **Brian K. Scales, Jr.**, of Trotwood, has been convicted of causing the death of his three-year-old sister, Tristan Carlton, on February 14, 2015.

During the afternoon of Saturday, February 14, 2015, the defendant was babysitting his eight and three year old siblings in their Trotwood home. When the victim’s mother came home, she found the victim in her bed, cold and stiff. She immediately called 911.

The investigation determined the child had been suffocated.

Today, the defendant was found guilty as charged of one count of Aggravated Murder, two counts of Murder, and one count of Endangering Children.

After finding the defendant guilty, the Court proceeded directly to sentencing, and sentenced the defendant to 20 years-to-life in prison.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “Our whole community suffers when someone loses their life due to violence, especially when the victim is a young child.”

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