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West Carrollton Woman Enters Plea for Child's Drowning

State v. Tara Seidel, 2013-CR-3574

DAYTON, OH (06/30/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 35-year-old **Tara Seidel**, of West Carrollton, entered no contest pleas for the drowning death of her 22-month-old daughter, Rylee Seidel-Jacobs.

On August 1, 2013, the defendant's 22-month-old daughter, Rylee, was found by witnesses floating face-down in the pool at the Villa South Gardens Condominium complex in West Carrollton, Ohio. The defendant was passed out asleep at the pool at the time of the drowning, and was found to have illegal drugs in her system. Paramedics responded, found the child unresponsive, and transported her to Dayton Children's Hospital where she was placed on life support. The child never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead on August 6, 2013. The autopsy concluded the child died as a result of the drowning.

Today, the defendant pled to the following counts:

- One count Involuntary Manslaughter
- One count Endangering Children

The defendant will receive a sentence from 3 to 11 years of incarceration. She will be sentenced on August 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "Parents have a responsibility to care for and protect their children. This defendant, while high on illegal drugs, failed to supervise her daughter at their swimming pool, and tragically, the child drowned."

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