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## **West Carrollton Woman Sentenced for Child's Drowning**

*State v. Tara Seidel, 2013-CR-3574*

**DAYTON, OH (08/06/2015)** – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Tara Seidel**, 36, of West Carrollton, was sentenced to 5 years in prison 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 swimming pool at Villa South Gardens Condominiums in West Carrollton, Ohio. The defendant was passed out asleep at the pool at the time of the drowning, and was found to have a mixture of 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.

On June 30, 2015, the defendant was found guilty as charged to one count of involuntary manslaughter and one count of endangering children.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "Parents have a responsibility to care for and protect their children. An incident such as this shows that illegal drug abuse is not a victimless crime. This defendant, while high on illegal drugs, failed to care for her daughter at a swimming pool, and resulted in the child's death. This is another incident where an innocent victim was affected, tragically deadly, by a drug addict's conduct."

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