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Dayton Man Found Guilty of Girlfriend's Murder

State v. Tabaree Thompson Shabazz , 2014-CR-3732

DAYTON, OH (5/20/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced that 43-year-old **Tabaree Thompson Shabazz**, of Dayton, has been found guilty of murder and felonious assault after a jury trial for the beating death of his girlfriend, Shelia Gibson.

On July 13, 2014, Dayton Police officers discovered the body of the 45-year-old victim inside her E. Fourth Street residence. The victim was last seen alive by neighbors on July 11, 2014. Neighbors had contacted the police after they became concerned about not seeing the victim for a number of days. An autopsy determined the victim had been killed from blunt force trauma.

On February 24, 2015 the defendant was indicted on counts of murder and felonious assault with Repeat Violent Offender (RVO) specifications. The RVO specification is due to the defendant having been previously convicted of attempted rape in an unrelated case.

The jury found the defendant guilty of murder and one count of felonious assault. The trial judge will rule on the RVO specification, which provides for a discretionary prison term of 2-10 years in addition to the 15 years-to-life sentence for the murder, at the time of sentencing.

The defendant will be sentenced on June 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

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