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Dayton Woman Sentenced for Fatal Crash

State v. Kyndra Je'Chelle Shackelford, 2016-CR-0883

DAYTON, OH (12/5/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 18-year-old **Kyndra Je'Chelle Shackelford**, of Dayton, was sentenced to a total of 16 years and 3 months in prison for a traffic crash that killed Marcus Harper of Xenia on March 17, 2016.

On March 17, 2016, the defendant stole a car in the vicinity of the Speedway Station on Miller Lane in Butler Township. Later, a Huber Heights police officer spotted the stolen car and noted the driver was driving erratically. When the officer activated his overhead lights, the driver took off at a high rate of speed.

The police pursuit entered Harrison Township, traveling south on Wagner Ford Road. At the intersection with Needmore Road, the defendant ran a red light, striking the victim's vehicle that was traveling East on Needmore Road.

The victim, 50-year-old Marcus Harper, of Xenia, was pronounced dead at the scene. His passenger, a 53-year-old female, was severely injured and was transported to the hospital. The defendant suffered minor injuries and was found to have a high concentration of alcohol in her system. Additionally, at the time of the incident, the defendant's driver's license was suspended.

On October 27, 2016, the defendant was found guilty as charged on all counts, including Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, Failure to Comply With the Order or Signal of a Police Officer, and Grand Theft (Motor Vehicle).

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant was driving a stolen car, had no driver's license, was impaired with alcohol, and was fleeing from police. This defendant has no respect for the law or for the safety of others. The fatal traffic crash was completely avoidable if the defendant had not made the poor decisions leading up to the crash."

In addition to the prison sentence, the defendant had her driver's license suspended for life.

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