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**Homeless Man Guilty of Manslaughter of Building Caretaker**

*State v. Jason Shontee, 2016-CR-1878*

**DAYTON, OH (11/8/2016)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Jason T. Shontee**, 53, has been found guilty for the fatal shooting of Robert Hildebrand on June 13, 2016.

On Monday, June 13, 2016, the defendant, a homeless man, pulled a firearm out of a bag he was carrying and fatally shot the victim, 47 year old Robert Hildebrand, inside an apartment building at 307-309 North Smithville Road, in Dayton. At the time, the victim was acting as a caretaker for the property. The victim had previously learned that the defendant was stashing stolen items in the building for safekeeping. The victim had locked the defendant out of the property.

Approximately two weeks earlier, the victim had called 911 to report that the defendant was threatening to shoot him. Then, just two days before the fatal shooting, the victim had again called 911 to report the defendant.

Today, the defendant was found guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter and Having Weapons While Under Disability. The manslaughter count has a 3-year firearm specification because the defendant used a firearm to commit those crimes. Additionally, that count also includes a Repeat Violent Offender specification because the defendant was convicted of robbery in 1991 and in 2001 he was convicted of aggravated robbery. The defendant also was convicted of attempt to commit felonious assault in 2008.

The defendant faces a prison sentence between 15 and 21 years.

The defendant is currently in custody, being held on a \$1,000,000 bond. He will be sentenced on November 29, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

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