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**Dayton Man Indicted for Two Homicides Hours Apart**

*State v. Christopher Smith 2019-CR-4182*

**DAYTON, OH (01/28/2020)** – Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **CHRISTOPHER LEON SMITH**, 28, has been indicted for fatally shooting two victims just hours apart on December 5, 2019.

On Thursday, December 5, 2018, at approximately 2:50 a.m., the defendant fired rounds from a handgun at two males, injuring one and fatally shooting 34-year-old Brandon Harris, outside Rick's Jazz Lab on Lakeview Avenue in Dayton. Then, at approximately 10:10 a.m., 34-year-old Clarence Brown, III was fatally shot outside the Save Food Super Market on Germantown Street. The second shooting occurred approximately 100 feet from the first shooting, as the properties are adjacent to each other.

Homicide detectives interviewed multiple witnesses, obtained surveillance videos, and compared ballistic information from the shooting to identify the shooter.

Today, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant on:

- Four counts of Murder
- Six counts of Felonious Assault
- Two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability – prior offense of violence
- Two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability – prior drug offense

The counts of murder and felonious assault include 3-year firearm specifications.

The defendant was previously convicted in two cases in 2011, in one case for possession of heroin and one case for trafficking in heroin. Then, in 2017, he was convicted in two additional cases, one case for failure to comply with the order of a police officer, and one case for assault on a police officer.

The defendant is currently in custody in the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, Georgia, awaiting extradition to Montgomery County. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

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