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## **Springfield Man Found Guilty of Gun Thefts from Vandalia Gun Shop**

*State v. Denard C. Smith, 2016-CR-0471*

**DAYTON, OH (07/28/2016)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 33 year old **Denard Chnell Smith**, of Springfield, has been found guilty of breaking into a Vandalia gun shop and stealing 25 handguns.

On February 7, 2016 the defendant broke into the Vandalia Range & Armory on Corporate Center Drive in Vandalia. The defendant then broke into a gun display case and stole 25 new handguns.

Today, the defendant was found guilty of 25 counts of Grand Theft of a Firearm from a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer, which are all first-degree felonies.

The defendant is currently in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$500,000 bond. He is scheduled to be sentenced on August 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

The defendant was released from prison in September 2014, after serving an 18 month sentence for theft and breaking and entering in Fayette County. In April 2016, he was sentenced to four years in prison in Clark County, for breaking and entering and receiving stolen property.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This same gun store has been targeted many times, including 42 guns that were stolen in August 2015. Stolen guns end up on the street and are often used by criminals to commit additional crimes. This defendant is a career criminal, and must be institutionalized.”

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