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## **Springfield Man Indicted for Gun Thefts**

*State v. Denard C. Smith, 2016-CR-0561*

**DAYTON, OH (02/25/2016)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 33 year old **Denard Chnell Smith**, of Springfield, has been indicted for 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 indicted on:

- 25 counts of Grand Theft of a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer
- 25 counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability
- One count of Breaking and Entering

All of the grand theft counts, which are first-degree felonies, also include a 1-year gun specification, because the defendant committed a theft offense involving a firearm.

The defendant is currently in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$500,000 bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned on March 1, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This gun store has been targeted in the past, including 42 guns that were stolen from there last August. These stolen guns end up on the street and are often used by criminals to commit additional crimes. Prosecuting those thieves who steal the guns and getting those guns off the streets and out of the hands of criminals is a top priority.”

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