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## **Springfield Man Sentenced for Vandalia Gun Shop Theft**

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

**DAYTON, OH (08/11/2016)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 33 year old **Denard Chnell Smith**, of Springfield, was sentenced to a total of four years in prison 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.

The defendant was found guilty of 25 counts of Grand Theft of a Firearm from a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer on July 28, 2016. The defendant was sentenced to four years on each count, to be served concurrently, for a total of four years of incarceration.

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. His sentence today was ordered to be served consecutively with his Clark County sentence. In addition, the defendant was ordered to pay \$15,132.75 in restitution and will serve 5 years post-release control when he is released from the penitentiary.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “There has been a rash of gun store robberies and attempted break-ins, especially at this store. We know that stolen guns end up on the street and are often used by criminals to commit additional crimes.”

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