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**Dayton Man Indicted for School Bus Stop Kidnapping, Rape of Child**

*State v. Randy Stanaford, 2016 CR 3039*

**DAYTON, OH (10/7/2016)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Randy Stanaford**, 39, of Dayton, has been indicted on charges in connection with the kidnapping and sexual assault of an 11 year old child on September 26, 2016.

On Monday, September 26, 2016, the victim, an 11 year old girl, was waiting for her school bus near the intersection of Edgar and Heaton Avenues, in Dayton. The defendant took the victim at knifepoint to an area near a house and sexually assaulted her. After the defendant left the scene, the victim ran home and called 911.

The Dayton Police Department recovered DNA evidence that matches the defendant's DNA. The defendant is a registered sex offender, having been convicted in Butler County, Ohio in 2008 for attempted kidnapping and public indecency. The defendant was released from prison August 30, 2015 and is a Tier III Sex Offender.

Today, the defendant has been indicted on:

- One count of Rape of a child less than 13 years of age
- One count of Kidnapping

Both counts include a Sexually Violent Predator Specification and the count of Kidnapping also includes a Sexual Motivation Specification. A conviction on the Sexually Violent Predator Specification carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant, a homeless registered sex offender, kidnapped and raped an 11 year old girl, who was a complete stranger. I want to commend both the Dayton Police Department and the Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab for their excellent work in quickly identifying this defendant, and taking him into custody before he attacked anyone else."

The defendant is currently in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$500,000 bond. He will be arraigned on October 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

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