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17 Year Old Indicted for Gun Thefts; To Be Tried as Adult

State v. Adrian Taylor, 2016-CR-0723

DAYTON, OH (06/09/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 17 year old **Adrian Taylor**, of Dayton, has been indicted for breaking into a Vandalia gun shop and stealing 42 firearms.

On August 5, 2015 the defendant, along with two others, broke into the Vandalia Range & Armory on Corporate Center Drive in Vandalia. The defendants stole 42 handguns. Due to his prior criminal record as a juvenile, a motion was filed to transfer the defendant to adult court. On May 16, 2016, an amenability hearing was held, and the judge ruled the defendant was not amenable and transferred him to adult court.

In an unrelated incident, while the defendant was in custody at the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center, he assaulted a member of the detention center staff.

Additionally, the defendant has a prior juvenile conviction for rape, and was designated a Tier I sex offender, which requires the defendant to register his address with authorities annually for 10 years. The defendant has failed to do so.

Today, the defendant was indicted on:

- 42 counts of Grand Theft of a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer
- One count of Assault
- One count of Breaking and Entering
- One count of Failure to Verify
- One count of Failure to Notify

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.

An adult co-defendant, 20 year old Dennis Lamar Taylor, Jr., was convicted on March 23, 2016 on five counts of Attempt to Commit Grand Theft of a Firearm, and was sentenced to three years in prison, concurrent to a 30 month prison sentence he received in a federal prosecution. A third co-defendant, Domenicque Allen, was also prosecuted federally.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “I want to commend the Vandalia Police Department and Detective Lawson for their hard work on this case.”

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