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**Tonisha Harris Guilty on Charges Related to  
Deceased Mother and Toddler**

*State v. Tonisha Harris, 2014-CR-3982*

**DAYTON, OH (10/5/2015)** – Today, Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that 31-year-old Tonisha Harris, of Dayton, has been found guilty on three counts related to the homicides of Nichelle McKnight and her son, Zaden.

On March 29, 2014, Nichelle and her 4-year-old son, Zaden, were reported missing to the police. The Dayton Police Department wanted to interview Antwan Anderson about the missing mother and son. On April 7, 2014, when the police attempted to contact Anderson, he fled from them, which resulted in a pursuit that ended when Anderson died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Anderson was believed to be the last person to be seen with the victims. On Friday, April 11, 2014, Nichelle's body was found in Harrison Township near the Stillwater River, in the area of Riverside Drive and Shoop Mill Road. At this time, Zaden's body has not been found.

The defendant was sentenced to a 10 month prison sentence for using Nichelle's debit card two days before she went missing. On April 30, 2015, the defendant was indicted on counts of gross abuse of a corpse, tampering with evidence and failure to report a crime.

The defendant's case was set for trial to begin this morning, but the defendant entered pleas to the charges and was found guilty, with no agreement from the state on sentencing.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant will be sentenced at a later date.

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