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**Tonisha Harris Indicted on Charges Related to
Missing Toddler/Deceased Mother**

State v. Tonisha Harris, 2014-CR-3982

DAYTON, OH (04/30/2015) – Today, Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that 30-year-old **Tonisha Harris**, of Dayton, has been indicted on felony counts related to the slaying of Nichelle McKnight and the disappearance of 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 has not been found.

The defendant is currently serving a 10 month prison sentence for using Nichelle's debit card two days before she went missing.

The defendant has been indicted on:

- Two counts of Gross Abuse of a Corpse
- One count of Tampering With Evidence
- One count of Failure to Report a Crime

She will be arraigned on May 14, 2015 at 8:30 am.

Prosecutor Heck added, "This is a heartbreaking and tragic case. Nichelle McKnight had a bright and promising future and cared deeply for her son, Zaden."

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