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Dayton Man Indicted for Gerhard Street Murder

State v. Raymond Walters, 2021-CR-2538

DAYTON, OH (08/11/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **RAYMOND WALTERS**, 63, of Dayton, has been indicted for counts related to the fatal shooting of George Smith that occurred on Gerhard Street in Dayton on July 26, 2021.

On the evening of Monday, July 26, 2021, Dayton police officers were dispatched on a report of a shooting in the 1000 block of Gerhard Street. Upon arrival, they located a victim, who had been shot in the back of the head. The victim, later identified as 45-year-old George Smith, was transported to the hospital. The victim died from his injuries on August 10, 2021.

Further investigation, including witness statements and video surveillance evidence, showed the defendant arrived at the scene of the shooting in a vehicle. The defendant exited the vehicle and shot at the victim several times at point blank range. The defendant then got back into the vehicle and was driven away.

Today, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant for:

- Three counts of Murder
- Three counts of Felonious Assault
- One count of Improper Discharge of a Firearm At or Into a Habitation
- One count of Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability

The counts have various firearm specifications, including 3-year, 5-year, 54-month, and 90-month specifications. Additionally, the counts also include Repeat Violent Offender specifications, as the defendant was previously convicted of attempted murder in 1976 for shooting at a police officer. While in prison, he fatally stabbed another inmate in 1980 and was convicted of involuntary manslaughter. In 2005, the defendant was convicted of attempted murder in Pike County, Ohio. The defendant also has aggravated robbery convictions in Hamilton and Highland Counties.

The defendant is currently in custody in the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$500,000 bond. He will be arraigned on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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