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## **Dayton Man Sentenced for Gerhard Street Murder**

*State v. Raymond Walters, 2021-CR-2538*

**DAYTON, OH (09/28/2022)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **RAYMOND WALTERS**, 65, of Dayton, was sentenced to a total of 32 years to life in prison after being convicted on 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.

On August 11, 2021, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant. On September 9, 2022, the defendant entered a plea of no contest, and was found guilty on:

- Three counts of Murder
- Two counts of Felonious Assault
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability

Today, the defendant was sentenced on those counts as well as 54-month firearm specifications. The counts also included 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.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison and will not be eligible for consideration of parole until he has served at least 32 years.

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