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Dayton Man Indicted for Leo Street Murder

State v. Tyray Ward, 2020-CR-4053

DAYTON, OH (1/7/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **TYRAY LYNN WARD, 26**, of Dayton, has been indicted for the shooting death of Austin Newell and for shooting at another man in the parking lot of a Dayton tavern on December 11, 2020.

On the night of Friday, December 11, 2020, Dayton Police were dispatched to Leo Street after a 911 caller reported hearing gunshots and reported there was a person lying in the roadway. Upon arrival, the officers located a shooting victim lying near the roadway curb outside of Jay and Jeans Tavern at 1124 Leo Street. The victim, later identified as Austin Newell, died from his injuries.

Further investigation determined that the shooting victim, Austin Newell, was the passenger in a vehicle being driven through the parking lot of the tavern. The defendant fired shots at the vehicle, striking it several times. The victim fell out of the vehicle after he was shot. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene after being shot at.

The defendant was later identified as the shooter by witnesses.

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

- Two counts of Murder
- Two counts of Felonious Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- One count of Felonious Assault causing Serious Physical Harm

All of the counts include three-year firearm specifications.

The defendant is currently being held in the Montgomery County Jail. He will be arraigned on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

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