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### **Daniel Tighe Sentenced to Life Without Parole**

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, March 25, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Daniel Tighe, 41, of Stone Creek Drive in Tallmadge, to life in prison without parole for the aggravated murder of Tighe’s son, 5-year-old Peyton Ralston.

On Friday, March 20, 2015, jurors recommended a life sentence without the possibility of parole for Tighe.

Judge Callahan also sentenced Tighe to an additional life sentence, to be served consecutively, with parole eligibility after 15 years, for the murder of Peyton’s mother, 31-year-old Wendy Ralston. Tighe also received 24 months in prison for the gross abuse of a corpse, also to be served consecutively.

“Daniel Tighe will never see the light of day, never get out of prison, for the horrible acts he committed,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “To kill any child, but especially his own child, is unthinkable. Our goal was to get justice for Peyton and Wendy.”

In imposing the sentence, Judge Callahan told Tighe “you deprived your own son of any childhood. You deprived him of a future. He won’t ride a bike, he won’t get to trick-or-treat, he won’t get that first hit in t-ball or soccer goal, he won’t have a best friend or a favorite teacher. I could go on forever on the things he won’t have because of the choice that you made. Making it greater in terms of irony in this case is that you will die in prison, the state of Ohio will treat your body with more respect than you treated Peyton or his mother.”

On February 27, 2015, the same Summit County jury found Tighe guilty of:

- Aggravated Murder, with two specifications for death
- Murder, a special felony
- Domestic Violence, a felony of the fourth degree
- Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree
- Abuse of a Corpse, a felony of the fifth degree

On July 23, 2013, Tighe murdered his son, 5-year-old Peyton Ralston, and Peyton's mother, 31-year-old Wendy Ralston. Tighe hid their bodies in a wooded area behind their shared residence. On August 10, 2013, Tallmadge Police were dispatched to the Stone Creek Drive home after Wendy's mother found two bundles with unknown contents inside. Tallmadge Police discovered the remains of Wendy and Peyton inside the bundles.