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Conviction of Daniel Tighe Affirmed by Ohio's 9th District Court of Appeals

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, September 28, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Ohio's Ninth District Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction of 42-year-old Daniel Tighe.

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.

On February 27, 2015, a Summit County Jury found Tighe guilty of the following charges:

- Aggravated Murder
- 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 March 25, 2015, Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Tighe to Life in Prison Without Parole for the murders.

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In his appeal, Tighe argued his statements made to investigators should have not been allowed during trial and that police violated his rights. Tighe also argued there was insufficient evidence to support a conviction. The Ninth District Court of Appeals disagreed and denied Tighe's appeal.

"Daniel Tighe brutally murdered Wendy and Peyton Ralston, wrapped their bodies in blankets, and dumped them in the woods. Tighe also initially lied to Tallmadage police about Wendy and Peyton's whereabouts," said Prosecutor Walsh. "With his appeal denied, Daniel Tighe will never get out of prison. Justice has been served for Wendy and Peyton."