

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

INDICTMENT TYPE: SECRET / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE NO. 2013-10-2760

INDICTMENT FOR: AGGRAVATED MURDER (1) 2903.01(C) SPECIAL FELONY W/  
SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (1) 2929.04(A)(9) W/  
SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (1) 2929.04(A)(5);  
MURDER (1) 2903.02(A) SPECIAL FELONY;  
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE (2) 2921.12(A)(1) F-3;  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (2) 2919.25(A) F-4;  
GROSS ABUSE OF A CORPSE (2) 2927.01(B) F-5

In the Common Pleas Court of Summit County, Ohio, of the term of SEPTEMBER in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand THIRTEEN.

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, being duly impaneled and sworn and charged to inquire of and present all offenses whatever committed within the limits of said County, on their oaths, IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF OHIO,

### **COUNT ONE**

DO FIND AND PRESENT That **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 23, 2013 through July 24, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, aforesaid, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED MURDER** in that he did purposely cause the death of Peyton Ralston, who was under thirteen years of age at the time of the commission of the offense, in violation of Section 2903.01(C) of the Revised Code, a SPECIAL FELONY, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### **SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT ONE**

#### **O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(9)**

#### **(Criteria for imposing death or imprisonment for a capital offense)**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the offender, **DANIEL TIGHE**, during the commission of the offense of Aggravated Murder, purposely caused the death of another who was under thirteen years of age at the time of the commission of the Aggravated Murder, and either the offender, **DANIEL TIGHE** was the principal offender in the commission of Aggravated Murder or committed the offense with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(9) of the Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT ONE**  
**O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(5)**  
**(Criteria for imposing death or imprisonment for a capital offense)**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing of or attempt to kill two or more persons by the offender, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(5) of the Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT TWO**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT, that **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 23, 2013 through July 24, 2013, in the County of Summit aforesaid, did commit the crime of **MURDER** in that he did purposely cause the death of Wendy Ralston, in violation of Section 2903.02(A) of the Revised Code, a SPECIAL FELONY, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT THREE**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT, that **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 23, 2013 through August 10, 2013, in the County of Summit aforesaid, did commit the crime of **TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE** in that he did, knowing that an official proceeding or investigation is in progress, or is about to be or likely to be instituted, alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any record, document, or thing, to wit: the body and belongings of Peyton Ralston, with purpose to impair its value or availability as evidence in such proceeding or investigation, in violation of Section 2921.12(A)(1) of the Revised Code, a FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

#### **COUNT FOUR**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT, that **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 23, 2013 through August 10, 2013, in the County of Summit aforesaid, did commit the crime of **TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE** in that he did, knowing that an official proceeding or investigation is in progress, or is about to be or likely to be instituted, alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any record, document, or thing, to wit: the body and belongings of Wendy Ralston, with purpose to impair its value or availability as evidence in such proceeding or investigation, in violation of Section 2921.12(A)(1) of the Revised Code, a FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

#### **COUNT FIVE**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT, that **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 1, 2013 through July 24, 2013, in the County of Summit aforesaid, did commit the crime of **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** in that he knowingly did cause or attempt to cause physical harm to a family or household member, to wit: Wendy Ralston, said **DANIEL TIGHE** previously having plead guilty to or been convicted in Case Number 2005CRB02058 in Akron Municipal Court, and/or other cases of one or more offenses of domestic violence or a violation of Section 2903.14, 2909.06, 2909.07, 2911.12, 2911.211, or 2919.22 or any offense of violence as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code involving a person who was a family or household member at the time of the violation, in violation of Section 2919.25(A) of the Revised Code, a FELONY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### **COUNT SIX**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT, that **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 1, 2013 through July 24, 2013, in the County of Summit aforesaid, did commit the crime of **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** in that he knowingly did cause or attempt to cause physical harm to a family or household member, to wit: Peyton Ralston, said **DANIEL TIGHE** previously having plead guilty to or been convicted in Case Number 2005CRB02058 in Akron Municipal Court, and/or other cases of one or more offenses of domestic violence or a violation of Section 2903.14, 2909.06, 2909.07, 2911.12, 2911.211, or 2919.22 or any offense of violence as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code involving a person who was a family or household member at the time of the violation, in violation of Section 2919.25(A) of the Revised Code, a FELONY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### **COUNT SEVEN**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT, that **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 23, 2013 through August 10, 2013, in the County of Summit aforesaid, did commit the crime of **GROSS ABUSE OF A CORPSE** in that **DANIEL TIGHE** except as authorized by law, did treat a human corpse, to wit: Peyton Ralston, in a way that the person knows would outrage reasonable community sensibilities, in violation of Section 2927.01(B) of the Revised Code, a FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT EIGHT**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT, that **DANIEL TIGHE** on or about July 23, 2013 through August 10, 2013, in the County of Summit aforesaid, did commit the crime of **GROSS ABUSE OF A CORPSE** in that **DANIEL TIGHE** except as authorized by law, did treat a human corpse, to wit: Wendy Ralston, in a way that the person knows would outrage reasonable community sensibilities, in violation of Section 2927.01(B) of the Revised Code, a FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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SHERRI BEVAN WALSH, Prosecutor/jj  
County of Summit, Ohio

Prosecutor, County of Summit, by

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Grand Jury Foreperson/Deputy Foreperson

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