



## **Franklin Man Receives 11 Years for Role in Robbery, Death of Dayton Teen**

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Adam Patrick, 30, of Franklin, pled guilty today in Warren County Common Pleas Court to aggravated robbery for his role in the robbery and subsequent death of 16-year-old Dione Payne of Dayton. He was immediately sentenced to an agreed maximum of 11 years in prison. He will not be eligible for judicial release.

On December 1, 2013, Dione Payne was staying at Michael Geldrich's home in Franklin to sell drugs. Patrick was also staying with Geldrich and had been buying drugs from Payne. Geldrich planned to rob Payne by putting a pillow case over his head, wrapping his limbs in duct tape, and stealing his drugs and money. Patrick agreed to loan Geldrich his truck to transport and leave Payne at another location after the robbery. Although Patrick was not present, Patrick gave Geldrich his phone to maintain contact with him during the robbery.

Pursuant to the plan, Geldrich struck Payne, restrained him, and stole drugs and money from him. Geldrich also engaged in a phone conversation with Patrick in an effort to locate more drugs and money. Because they could not find additional drugs or money, Payne was severely beaten, sustaining massive injuries. After the robbery, Geldrich used Patrick's truck to leave the unresponsive Payne at Atrium Medical Center. Payne later died from the injuries he sustained during the aggravated robbery. For his planning of the aggravated robbery and the use of his truck, Patrick received approximately \$40.00 that had been taken from Payne.

Police identified Patrick's truck using surveillance video from Atrium Medical Center. Police arrested and charged Patrick and co-defendants Geldrich and Michael Jay Watson in connection with Payne's robbery and death.

Patrick is the second of three co-defendants to plead guilty for his role in the aggravated robbery and subsequent death of Payne. On May 8, 2014, Geldrich pled guilty to aggravated murder, aggravated robbery, two counts of kidnapping, and tampering with evidence. Geldrich will be sentenced at a later date after he cooperates with the prosecution of Watson. Watson is scheduled for trial on July 28, 2014.



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