



## **Lebanon Man Found Guilty in Christmas Day Shooting**

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Zachary Wilson, 26, of Lebanon, Ohio, was found guilty today by a Warren County jury of three counts of murder; two counts of felonious assault, felonies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; improperly discharging a firearm into a habitation, a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; tampering with evidence, a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; and the accompanying specifications for having a firearm and discharging it from a motor vehicle.

On December 25, 2016, Jeremy Foxx, 24, was found deceased in the roadway on Montgomery Avenue in Carlisle, Ohio. Additionally, a resident along Montgomery Avenue reported a gunshot had been fired into her residence. Foxx, Wilson, and Foxx's cousin, Allison Moore, had spent the previous days together using methamphetamines. Wilson told detectives that while the three were driving around looking for more drugs, Wilson thought Foxx was reaching for a gun. Wilson claimed that is when he acted in self-defense and grabbed an AK-47 pistol from under the driver's seat and shot Foxx multiple times. Wilson, however, later admitted to detectives that Foxx never threatened him. Wilson told detectives that after the shooting, he kicked Foxx's body out of the vehicle onto the street and eventually went to Caesar's Creek where he and Moore burned their clothing. Wilson also spray painted both the inside and outside of the vehicle to cover up blood and even welded on a ladder rack to disguise it. Wilson then fled to Kentucky.

"I know some people view drug use as a victimless crime. But the defendant's week-long bender and meth-fueled paranoia directly contributed to the brutal murder of Mr. Foxx, and endangered the lives of a family enjoying Christmas while bullets indiscriminately flew into their home," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Wilson will be sentenced at a later date by Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert W. Peeler.

Fornshell commended Detectives Paul Barger, Mike Wyatt, Jerry Niffenegger, and Mark Purdy, Sgt. Brian Hounshell, Deputy Reil Becker, Sgt. Tom Naumovski, Sgt. John Smith, Deputy Sara Vaught, and Deputy Nick Behymer of the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Carlisle Officer David Czarnota, Assistant Prosecutors Chris Delnicki and Travis Vieux, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink for their work on the case.



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