



Middletown Man Sentenced to Prison for Shooting at Law Enforcement Officers

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Christopher Hubbard, 38, of Middletown, was sentenced today to an indefinite term in prison of 56 to 61 ½ years by Judge Timothy Tepe. Hubbard was found guilty following a jury trial of three counts of felonious assault with firearm specifications, failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer with a firearm specification, having weapons while under disability, improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, and assaulting a police dog.

The offenses occurred on August 31, 2020, after officers from multiple police agencies attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by Hubbard. At the time, Hubbard had an active warrant for his arrest and was a suspect in a homicide investigation. Rather than stop his vehicle, Hubbard led officers on a lengthy police chase that started in Butler County and proceeded into Warren County.

A trooper with the Ohio Highway State Patrol was finally able to disable Hubbard's vehicle on North Mason-Montgomery Road by deploying stop sticks. Hubbard continued to drive his vehicle through the front yard of a residence at 2617 North Mason-Montgomery Road right up to the house. Members of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Middletown Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies surrounded the vehicle, but Hubbard ignored several commands being given by law enforcement to show his hands and surrender.

When law enforcement officers attempted to extract Hubbard using a K-9, Hubbard fired repeatedly at the officers, discharging five rounds before Hubbard's gun jammed. Officer Dennis Jordan with the Middletown Police Department was struck two times, with one bullet entering his shoulder and the second round striking his duty holster causing an injury to Officer Jordan's hand. Trooper Brett Lee with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Deputy Mike Barger with the Butler County Sheriff's Office were also in the line of fire, but were not injured during the shooting. Officer Jordan was treated for his injuries at the Atrium Medical Center and was off work for approximately four months as a result of being shot by Hubbard.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended Agent Rick Ward of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the numerous law enforcement officers who assisted in the investigation, Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Steve Knippen and Travis Vieux, Victim Witness Coordinator Erika Bouelle, and Legal Assistant Jaclyn Zaczek for their work on the case.



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