



Man Indicted for Attempted Aggravated Murder of Three Law Enforcement Officers

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Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell announced the indictment of Christopher James Hubbard, 36, of Middletown on 11 counts, including three counts of attempted aggravated murder of a law enforcement officer. The grand jury also indicted Hubbard for three counts of felonious assault (F2), failure to comply with an order or signal of police officer (F3), two counts of having weapons while under disability (F3), improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle (F3), and assaulting a police dog (M2).

The attempted aggravated murder and felonious assault counts include a seven year (discharging a firearm at a peace officer), five year (discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle), and three year (used a firearm to facilitate the offense) firearm specification for each offense. The failure to comply with an order or signal of police officer also includes a one year firearm specification for having a firearm under his control while committing the offense.

The indictment relates to an incident that occurred on August 31, 2020, initially starting in Butler County, but coming to a conclusion on North Mason Montgomery Road in Turtlecreek Township, Warren County. Hubbard discharged his firearm at Officer Denny Jordan of the Middletown Division of Police, Deputy Mike Barger of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, and Trooper Brett Lee of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, striking Officer Jordan in his left shoulder, tricep, right hand and right thigh. Deputy Barger and Trooper Lee were fortunately unharmed. Law enforcement officers from several agencies were on scene at the end of the pursuit and also exchanged fire with Hubbard, who was struck between 11 and 13 times. Hubbard survived his injuries and is currently being held by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction on an unrelated parole violation.

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office determined that there was no factual or legal basis to present to the grand jury any criminal charges against any of the involved law enforcement officers.

"The evidence conclusively established that Hubbard had advised his parole officer of his intention to get into a shootout with police. When that opportunity became available, he made good on his threat. Despite several requests from law enforcement officers to comply with apprehension, video evidence proves that Hubbard fired multiple shots at three officers, striking Officer Jordan, before other law enforcement officers returned fire. Under these circumstances, law enforcement officers were completely justified in their use of deadly force to apprehend Hubbard," Fornshell said.



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