



Dayton Man Sentenced to 18-20 Years In Prison for Crime Spree

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Bryon E. Finklea, Jr., 25, of Dayton was convicted of one count of robbery, two counts of kidnapping, one count of failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer, one count of aggravated robbery with a firearm specification, and one count of endangering children for his involvement in a crime spree which spanned multiple cities. Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Tepe sentenced Finklea to an indefinite term of 18-20 years in prison. Finklea will also have to register as a violent offender for ten years upon his release, and his driver's license was suspended for a period of twenty years.

On Saturday, August 8, 2020, at approximately 11:35 a.m., Finklea was recklessly driving southbound on I-75 in Warren County at speeds in excess of 110 m.p.h. and refused to stop after a trooper from the Ohio State Highway Patrol attempted to conduct a traffic stop. A high-speed pursuit ensued that went through several cities, including Monroe, Lebanon, Mason, and West Chester. During this pursuit, Finklea carjacked two other motor vehicles, including one that had two minors less than 11 years of age inside. Finklea drove erratically at high speeds, including travelling left of center into oncoming traffic with the two minors inside the motor vehicle. Finklea did eventually drop off the two minors at different locations in the Lebanon and Mason areas before he carjacked the second motor vehicle from several teenagers by threatening to shoot them with a firearm. The dangerous high-speed pursuit was ultimately terminated for safety reasons as Finklea was fleeing northbound on I-75. Finklea was later located and arrested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Special Response Team in Dayton, Ohio.

Fornshell commended troopers Sidney Steele, Jesse Brown, Adam Stabler, Mark Nelson, Justin Valentine, James Hutchinson, Nathan Stanfield, and Sgt. Bryan Cook of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Warren County Prosecutor's Office Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Steve Knippen and Teresa Hiett, Victim Witness Director Erika Bouelle, and Legal Assistant Ginger Weigel for their work on the case.



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