

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, HOCKING COUNTY

STATE OF OHIO

Case No. *23CR0206*

Plaintiff

VS.

INDICTMENT

STEVEN DUANE HARDBARGER

DOB: 8/30/1978

Defendant.

Grand Jury 2023

HOCKING COUNTY
COMMON PLEAS COURT
RHONDA WYKLE
CLERK OF COURT
2023 NOV 17 AM 11:00

INDICTMENT FOR: Kidnapping with Specifications (ORC 2905.01) (F1) (1 Count); Domestic Violence (ORC 2919.25) (M1) (1 Count); Attempted Aggravated Murder with Specifications (ORC 2923.02 / 2903.01) (F1) (1 Count); Felonious Assault with Specifications (ORC 2903.11) (F1) (1 Count); Felonious Assault with Specifications (ORC 2903.11) (F1) (12 Counts); Felonious Assault with Specification (ORC 2903.11) (F2) (2 Counts); Assaulting Police Dog with Specification (ORC 2921.321) (F4) (1 Count); Discharge of Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises with Specifications (ORC 2923.162) (F2) (1 Count); Vandalism with Specification (ORC 2909.05) (F4) (1 Count); Vandalism with Specification (ORC 2909.05) (F5) (1 Count). Total: 22 Counts.

Of the Term --- Part _____ in the year of two thousand twenty three THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the names and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present as follows:

Count One Kidnapping, §2905.01, F1
Defendants Stephan Hardbarger
Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, duly selected, impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire of crimes and offenses committed within the body of Hocking County, in the State of Ohio, upon their oath do find and present that Stephan Hardbarger late of said County, on or about July 30, 2023, within the County aforesaid, in violation of 2905.01(A)(3), 2905.01(C)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, did, by force, threat, or deception, remove Heather Hardbarger and / or Marilyn Hardbarger and / or Hunter Hardbarger from the place where she and / or he and / or they was found or restrain the liberty of she and / or he and / or them for the purpose of terrorizing or inflicting serious physical harm upon Heather Hardbarger and / or Marilyn Hardbarger and / or Hunter Hardbarger or another.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT ONE - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

Count Nine Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Deputy Jeremy Johnson by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a firearm.

Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT NINE - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT NINE - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Ten Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Officer Devin Alford by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a firearm.

Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT TEN - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT TEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Eleven Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Trooper John Sanborn by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a firearm.

Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT ELEVEN - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT ELEVEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Twelve Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Detective Lieutenant Dustin Robison by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a firearm.

Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT TWELVE - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT TWELVE - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Thirteen Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Detective David Randolph by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit:

a
firearm.
Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT THIRTEEN - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT THIRTEEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Fourteen Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1
Defendants Stephan Hardbarger
Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Deputy Michael Bentley by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit:
a
firearm.

Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT FOURTEEN - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT FOURTEEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Fifteen Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1
Defendants Stephan Hardbarger
Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Lieutenant Mike Walton by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit:
a
firearm.

Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT FIFTEEN - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT FIFTEEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Sixteen Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F1
Defendants Stephan Hardbarger
Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Officer Justin Garrett by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a firearm.

Furthermore, the victim is a peace officer.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT SIXTEEN - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT SIXTEEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Seventeen Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F2
Defendants Stephan Hardbarger
Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Brian Bruening by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a firearm.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT SEVENTEEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Eighteen Felonious Assault, §2903.11, F2

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Chuck Brooks by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a firearm.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT EIGHTEEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Nineteen Assaulting Police Dog, §2921.321, F4

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did recklessly engage in conduct that was likely to cause serious physical injury or death to the police dog or horse. Furthermore, the violation resulted in serious physical harm to the police dog or horse.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT NINETEEN - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Twenty Discharge of Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises, §2923.162, F2

Defendants Stephan Hardbarger

Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did discharge a firearm upon or over a public road or highway and the violation caused physical harm to any person.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT TWENTY - Firearm Specification - 7 years, §2941.1412(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger discharged a firearm at a peace officer or a corrections officer while committing the offense.

SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT TWENTY - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Twenty-One Vandalism, §2909.05, F4
Defendants Stephan Hardbarger
Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause serious physical harm to property that was owned, leased, or controlled by a governmental entity, to wit: Hocking County Sheriff's Office - law enforcement cruiser. Furthermore, and the value of the property or the amount of physical harm involved is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more but less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT TWENTY-ONE - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

Count Twenty-Two Vandalism, §2909.05, F4
Defendants Stephan Hardbarger
Date of Offense On or about July 30, 2023

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, upon their oaths, further find that within the County aforesaid, the Defendant(s) unlawfully did knowingly cause serious physical harm to property that was owned, leased, or controlled by a governmental entity, to wit: Logan Police Department - law enforcement cruiser.

Furthermore, and the value of the property or the amount of physical harm involved is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more but less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT TWENTY-TWO - Firearm Specification - 3 year, §2941.145(A)

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that Stephan Hardbarger had a firearm on or about his person or under his control while committing the offense and displayed the firearm, brandished the firearm, indicated that he possessed the firearm, or used it to facilitate the offense.

All of the above conduct being contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

DAVE YOST
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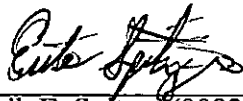
A TRUE BILL

WHERE APPLICABLE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

If you were on post-release control at the time these offense(s) in this particular indictment were committed, you could be subject to the additional penalty of sentence as set forth in O.R.C. 2929.141 upon conviction of, or plea of guilty to, any new felony herein.

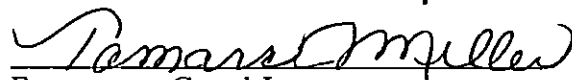
If you are under indictment for or have been convicted of either a felony offense of violence (as defined in O.R.C. 2901.01(A)(9)) or any offense involving the illegal possession, use, sale, administration, distribution, or trafficking in any drug of abuse, you are prohibited under O.R.C. 2923.13 from knowingly acquiring, having or using any firearm or dangerous ordnance.

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Ramona Miller
Foreperson, Grand Jury

Rhonda Wykle
CLERK OF COURTS
Caiti Nye, Deputy Clerk
November 17th, 2023

The following is information for the Clerk of Courts only

State of Ohio v. Stephan Hardbarger

Address: 7997, Bremen Road, Logan, OH 43138

DOB: [REDACTED]

Sex/Race: Male/White

Date of Arrest: July 30, 2023

SSN: [REDACTED]

Police Agency:

Municipal Reference:

EEs, 11/17/23

ITN #:

- Count 1: Kidnapping §2905.01, F1
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)
Firearm Specification - 1 year, ORC 2941.141(A)

- Count 2: Domestic Violence §2919.25, M1

- Count 3: Attempted Aggravated Murder §2923.02 / 2903.01, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

- Count 4: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

- Count 5: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

- Count 6: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

- Count 7: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)

Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 8: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 9: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 10: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 11: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 12: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 13: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 14: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 15: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 16: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F1
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)

Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 17: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F2
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 18: Felonious Assault §2903.11, F2
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 19: Assaulting Police Dog §2921.321, F4
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 20: Discharge of Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises §2923.162, F2
Firearm Specification - 7 years, ORC 2941.1412(A)
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 21: Vandalism §2909.05, F4
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

Count 22: Vandalism §2909.05, F4
Firearm Specification - 3 year, ORC 2941.145(A)

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Pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, Rule 45(D)(1): “When submitting a case document to a court or filing a case document with the clerk of court, a party to a judicial action or proceeding shall omit personal identifiers from the document.”

Pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, Rule 44(H): “Personal identifiers” means social security numbers, except for the last four digits; financial account numbers, including but not limited to debit card, charge card, and credit card numbers; employer and employee identification numbers; and a juvenile’s name in an abuse, neglect, or dependency case, except for the juvenile’s initials or a generic abbreviation such as ‘CV’ for ‘child victim.’

The above information is considered to be the confidential “personal identifiers” in this case, which will then be omitted from other documents filed in this case.

IN THE HOCKING COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF HOCKING COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO

VS.

STEVEN DUANE HARDBARGER
DOB: 8/30/1978
SSN: XXX-XX-5625
16677 Riverside Drive
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Case No: _____

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF
WARRANT UPON INDICTMENT
(Rule 9)

RHONDA WYKLE
CLERK OF COURTS

2023 NOV 17 AM 10:59

HOCKING COUNTY
COMMON PLEAS COURT

To: Rhonda Wykle, Hocking County Clerk of Courts

STEVEN DUANE HARDBARGER has been named a Defendant in an indictment returned by the grand jury.

Issue a warrant to an appropriate officer and direct the officer to execute it upon STEVEN DUANE HARDBARGER personally at the address stated in the caption of this request.

Defendant has not appeared nor has been scheduled to appear.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXECUTING OFFICER:

DOB: 08/30/1978

SSN: XXX-XX-5625

Age: 44

Hair: Brown

Hgt: 71

Eyes: Brown

Wgt: 205

Sex: Male

Race: Non Hispanic

Last 4 digits of SSN only per Rule 45(D) of the Ohio Rules of Superintendence.

[Handwritten signature]

~~Ryan Black~~ Erik Spiter 009216
Prosecutor Special Prosecutor
Hocking, Ohio Ohio Attorney General