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Clermont County Prosecuting Attorney Mark J. Tekulve announces the indictment of Chad C. Doerman, by a Clermont County Grand Jury. Doerman was indicted on June 22, 2023, in a twenty-one (21) count indictment. After the June 15, 2023, murder of his three children (ages 7, 4, and 3), Doerman now faces nine separate counts of aggravated murder, eight separate counts of kidnapping, and four separate counts of felonious assault. The numerous aggravated murder charges include various aggravating circumstance specifications, which subject Doerman to the possibility of the death penalty.

On June 23, 2023, Doerman appeared in court for his initial arraignment and entered a “Not Guilty Plea” to each count. Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Lara Baron Allen, reviewed each count in the indictment individually, laying out the possible penalties of each charge. Doerman, through counsel, agreed with the possible penalties he faces as set forth by Chief Assistant Baron Allen.

Prosecutor Mark J. Tekulve, then addressed bond, requesting that Doerman be held without bond pursuant to the Ohio Constitution. Prosecutor Tekulve indicated that Doerman “slaughtered his three boys, ages 7, 4, and 3.” Prosecutor Tekulve went on to describe the manner in which each boy was executed by Doerman, noting that each boy was shot in the head. Prosecutor Tekulve further indicated that the 7 year old boy fled from Doerman, running approximately 300 feet before Doerman shot him from behind. Doerman then approached the boy and executed him at close range. Counsel for the defendant did not request a bond on his behalf. Ultimately, Judge Victor Haddad ordered the defendant be held without bond.

Doerman is next scheduled to be in court on July 5, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., in front of Judge Richard Ferenc for a pretrial setting.

