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Couple Indicted on Multiple Counts, Including Rape, for Brutal Injuries to Baby in Their Care

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, December 18, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that a Grand Jury indicted Jason T. Santos, 37, and Jamilee Hunt, 37, on various charges, including Rape, in connection with the brutal injuries sustained by a baby in their care.

Santos and Hunt were indicted on the following charges:

- One count of Rape, a Felony of the 1st Degree;
- Five counts of Felonious Assault, a Felony of the 2nd Degree;
- One count of Endangering Children, a Felony of the 2nd Degree; and
- One count of Endangering Children, a Felony of the 3rd Degree.

Hunt was also indicted on one count of Endangering Children, a Felony of the 4th Degree, because she has a previous conviction for an offense involving neglect, abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of, or physical abuse of a child.

On November 22, 2024, Springfield Township police officers and fire personnel responded to the Red Roof Inn at 2939 South Arlington Road after a 911 call indicated that there was an unresponsive infant in one of the rooms. First responders performed CPR and were able to revive the baby. But, she had multiple fractures of her arms, legs, and ribs with extensive bruising all over her body and additional injuries to her internal organs. She was transported to the hospital where treating medical providers discovered further injuries that were consistent with sexual assault.

Investigators discovered that the victim was in the care of Santos and Hunt when she sustained her injuries and that they were responsible for the injuries. Despite the seriousness of the baby's injuries, she has survived and is continuing to recover at the hospital.

"These were horrific crimes against a baby and my office will work hard to hold these offenders accountable," said Prosecutor Kolkovich. "I want to thank the Springfield Township first responders for their quick action that saved this child's life, and I hope that her condition continues to improve."

Santos' and Hunt's next court appearance has not yet been scheduled. The Indictments against both defendants contain only allegations. Both are entitled to the presumption of innocence and a fair trial where the State will have to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. If convicted of all charges, Santos and Hunt potentially face life prison terms. Ultimately, the assigned judge decides the final sentence imposed.