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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**STATEMENT BY LUCAS COUNTY PROSECUTING  
ATTORNEY JULIA R. BATES REGARDING ADDITIONAL  
INDICTMENTS AGAINST DARNELL JONES**

"Today, a Lucas County Grand Jury indicted a defendant on seven counts of rape, four counts of kidnapping, one count of strangulation and one count of gross sexual imposition. Although the defendant has remained in custody for the past 16 months, these new indictments stem from offenses that occurred before 2025 and fall within Ohio's statute of limitations. Why are these indictments being brought now while the defendant has a 2025 aggravated murder case pending in Lucas County Common Pleas Court? As part of the investigation into that case, our law enforcement partners uncovered evidence related to these earlier offenses that led to the additional charges. We will continue to try these cases not in the court of public opinion, but in a courtroom, with a professional team defined by compassion, integrity and commitment to the rule of law. We remain determined to seek justice not only for Kei'Mani Latigue, but also for the additional victims affected by these indictments."

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