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**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

## **Eight people arrested, charged for helping Daveonte Dixon evade capture**

(Franklin County, OH) – On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals Service arrested 8 people for helping Daveonte Dixon avoid capture after he shot two Mifflin Township Police Officers on May 28.

Dixon was a passenger in a car on May 28 when officers initiated a traffic stop in the area of Mecca Road and Perdue Avenue because the car was starting and stopping randomly in the middle of the street and intersection. Officers found that suspicious and approached the car. When they inquired about the smell of marijuana in the car, Dixon opened the door and ran away.

As the officers pursued Dixon, he turned around and fired 15 shots, hitting both officers. One officer sustained serious injuries to his right arm and back; he has since been released from the hospital and is recovering. The second officer suffered serious injuries to his face and upper body and remains hospitalized, though he is expected to recover.

Dixon evaded capture for three days before he was apprehended on May 30 at a residence on Thelma Drive in Obetz. During a SWAT standoff at this location, Dixon sustained an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to his face and is receiving treatment at a local hospital for this serious injury. He has been charged with felonious assault and attempted murder.

Based on evidence obtained during the investigation, detectives from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Sheriff's Office SWAT Deputies, and U.S. Marshals arrested the following individuals on Wednesday, June 18, and charged them with Obstructing Justice for helping Dixon evade law enforcement.

- 25-year-old Kaitlyn Mellon
- 23-year-old Grace Mellon



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- 22-year-old Nathan Brown *\*also charged with Unlawful Possession of a Dangerous Ordinance\**
- 21-year-old Au'nusti Solomon
- 23-year-old Isaiah Ingle
- 22-year-old Elijah Robinson
- 20-year-old Namina Goler
- 42-year-old Latoya Birdsong

*All of these individuals are currently being held in the Franklin County jail.*

Sheriff's Office Detectives found evidence that each of them hindered Dixon's discovery and apprehension by harboring, concealing, and assisting him, despite knowing that Dixon was actively wanted by law enforcement. Detectives have also charged 31-year-old Jayla Call, who was arrested on May 30, with Obstructing Justice.

"Instead of taking a \$40,000 reward, they chose to help a cop shooter try to disappear and ended up in handcuffs, in a jail cell, and in the same spotlight of accountability that Dixon has," said Chief Deputy Rick Miner of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division. "Today, this is not just about making arrests; it's about sending a message. We're not going to let people who aid violence walk away without consequences."

The successful apprehensions of these suspects were made possible by the diligence of our Franklin County Sheriff's Office Investigators, as well as the efficient work of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office SWAT Deputies and the U.S. Marshals.

"We are consistently asking the public to assist us in removing violent criminals from our neighborhood," U.S. Marshal Michael Black said. "These individuals we apprehended today had an opportunity to help us capture Dixon before he committed another violent act. Instead, they chose to help him evade arrest. By doing this, they put members of our community in harm's way."

Sheriff Baldwin would like to thank all of the agencies who have provided assistance throughout this investigation, including the U.S. Marshals and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, as well as members of the community for their support.