

# **STATE OF OHIO V. DAWN BRADLEY and JOSEPH SCATES, JR.**

## Heroin dealers sentenced to 6 years in prison

On October 18, 2012, Dawn Bradley and Joseph Scates, Jr. were both sentenced to six year prison terms by Judge Richard J. O'Neill of the Clark County Common Pleas for trafficking in heroin in the City of Springfield, in case 12-CR-0153.

The charges were the result of a year long investigation by the Springfield Police Division in to drug trafficking occurring at 315 W. Pleasant Street in the City. Police had received numerous complaints of drug activity at the address. Controlled buys of heroin were made from the address, and on February 23, 2012 in the early morning hours, the Springfield Police Special Operations Team executed a search warrant at the residence.

Dawn Bradley and Joseph Scates, Jr. were asleep in the bedroom, and there were also three small children present in the house. 12.79 grams of heroin were recovered from the bedroom dresser, along with \$7,259 in cash. A search of both defendants cell phones also furthered the investigation. Included in the text messages on their phones was the following text message from Joseph Scates, Jr. to Dawn Bradley, which Judge O'Neill quoted from at sentencing:

"30Thousand!!!!!! Ba god is going 2bless me.... He been blessN me already just keep blessN me..... He bless me so much? I really think I was put on this earth 2sell drugs and make \$ and stay 1of the realest niggas ever!!!!!! Iam about 2win like 40 thousand... Ba I cant wait... Love you god& dawn!!!!!!"

In addition to that message, the phones also contained numerous messages showing both Dawn Bradley and Joseph Scates setting up heroin deals, including one series of messages from a heroin addict, which over the course of 24 hours read: "I need 2 c u real quick" "U back yet?" "U home yet mr. j? plz im so sick" "I need 2 c u bad im sick pukin plz answer."

Clark County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Andrew R. Picek represented the State of Ohio in the case. Detective William D. Speakman of the Springfield Police Division was the lead investigator in the case.