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## Accused strangler indicted

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**NEWPORT** - A Dayton man was indicted by a Campbell County grand jury Thursday on one count of murder after his wife was found strangled with an extension cord earlier this month.

Woody Smith, 33, of Maple Avenue remained held at the Campbell County jail Thursday afternoon in lieu of a \$1 million bond.

Amanda Smith, 28, was found dead May 4 in the couple's bedroom. The same extension cord used to strangle her was found tied around her feet, according to the police report. A second extension cord was used to bind her hands.

His lawyer, Shannon Sexton, said the claims made in the indictment are only allegations and he intends to defend his client vigorously.

She died about 10 a.m., according to the report, but investigators didn't find her body until neighbors called police later in the afternoon to report the couple failed to pick up their two children from day care.

Woody Smith confessed to killing his wife in a taped statement, according to the report. The report states that Amanda Smith died about 10 a.m.

He'll be arraigned by Campbell Circuit Judge Julie Reinhardt Ward May 27.

A neighbor told The Enquirer that Woody Smith was taken to a hospital after an attempted drug overdose the same day. After being treated at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Fort Thomas, Woody Smith was charged with her murder.

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