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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: *State of Ohio vs. Jennings William Matthews*, 13-CR-0015

Today Jennings William Matthews entered pleas of guilty to two counts of rape, one count of kidnapping and one count of sexual battery relating to the January 2013 sexual assault of a minor in Fostoria. Mr. Matthews was sentenced to a prison term of 11 years for the offenses and classified as a Tier III Sexual offender by Judge Steve C. Shuff. The Tier III classification mandates lifetime reporting and notification requirements for Matthews.

Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine said, "Officer Ely of the Fostoria Police Department handled the investigation in a very professional manner. His efforts have insured that the victim received some sense of justice in this matter and has protected the people of Fostoria and Seneca County".

Mr. Matthews was represented by Fostoria attorney Jonathan Stotzer.