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Re: *State of Ohio v. Shawn E. Hunt*, 13-CR-0167

Today Shawn E. Hunt entered pleas of guilty to three counts of rape, three counts of sexual battery, two counts of Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity Oriented Material and one count of Voyeurism. The charges are the result of repeated sexual assaults that occurred in Fostoria against a minor victim in 2011 and 2012. Mr. Hunt was sentenced to a prison term of 20 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 Mr. Hunt.

"Detective Frankart from the Fostoria Police Department did an excellent job working this case. The City of Fostoria and all of Seneca County is safer as a result of his work on this case" said Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine. Assistant Prosecutor Brian Boos handled the case for the State and he commented, "We hope that today's convictions and prison sanctions bring relief to the victim and the family."

Mr. Hunt was represented by Tiffin attorney John Kahler.