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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

#### **Issac O'Rourke Sentenced to Four Years in Prison**

Issac O'Rourke , age 25, of Logan, Ohio, appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on October 30, 2013, and plead guilty to one (1) count of Felonious Assault, a second degree Felony. Judge Goldsberry sentenced O'Rourke to four (4) years in prison.

Prosecutor Keller Blackburn says , “ Issac O'Rourke was sentenced to four (4) years in prison for Felonious Assault. On September 8, 2013 O'Rourke assaulted 49 year-old Joe Schultz, beating him badly and breaking his jaw. O'Rourke will be sent to prison for four (4) years and will statutorily be eligible for Judicial Release after six (6) months. The State will oppose any application until atleast October 30, 2014, pending a warden's report. O'Rourke has been incarcerated since the Nelsonville Police Department arrested him a few days after the incident.”

Blackburn goes on to say, “Alcohol and a single bad decision has permanently changed the life of two families. The dangers associated with this behavior has lasting consequences.”

Rudy Shultz, the brother of the victim told the court he appreciates that the defendant manned up and he went on to say, “I believe this was an accident and wished there was a place other than prison for him.” Rudy Shultz hopes O'Rourke learns from his mistake.

Linda Bullock, the sister of the victim told the court she hopes Mr. O'Rourke takes this time to change and makes sure he takes advantage of the program in prison.

This case was investigated by the Nelsonville Police Department.