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Brigner Sentenced to Twenty Years on Rape Charges

Alan D. Brigner, 35, of Little Hocking, appeared on April 29, 2014, for the purpose of sentencing. Brigner previously changed his plea to guilty for three (3) counts of Rape, in violation of R.C. 2907.02(A)(2), all felonies of the first degree.

The State argued for a sentence of twenty-two (22) years in prison and the Defense requested the minimum possible prison term of three (3) years on each count, community control, or an alternative sentence.

The Court sentenced Brigner to a total of twenty (20) years in the State Penal System citing the severe damage to the victim, the fact that Brigner admitted the conduct, as well as stating that it would be irresponsible to impose community control based on his conduct. Upon his release from prison, Brigner will be subject to five (5) years of mandatory post release control. Additionally, Brigner will have to register as a Tier III Sex Offender requiring in-person registration every ninety (90) days for the rest of his life. Brigner is not eligible for judicial release.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that "In the summer of 2012, Defendant did engage in sexual conduct with a thirteen (13) year old female on numerous occasions."

This case was investigated by the Athens County Sheriff's Office.