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Luke Mace Pleads Guilty

Luke W. Mace, 38, of Glouster, today appeared in Athens County Common Pleas Court before visiting Judge Jennifer Sargus. The former Glouster Police Chief pled guilty to six counts of Dereliction of Duty, misdemeanors of the second degree. Judge Sargus sentenced Mace to two (2) years of non-reporting probation and required him to surrender his Ohio Police Officer's Training Academy certificate so that he can never again serve as a police officer in the State of Ohio. Mace also received 100 jail days which were suspended, is required to pay court costs and is ordered to have no contact with the Glouster Police Department or its officers.

"Today's sentence will ensure that Mace will never be a peace officer again," said Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn. "Sentencing reform enacted in 2011 made it unlikely a prison sentence could have been imposed, so removing Mace's ability to be a police officer was the most severe penalty he could face."