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Woman Sent to Prison After Violating Terms of Plea Agreement and Bond

Sarah “Lindsey” Brooks, 33, of Nelsonville, Ohio, appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on September 10, 2014, for the purpose of a sentencing hearing.

On July 22, 2014, Brooks entered a change of plea to guilty to an indictment charging one (1) count of Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree and one (1) count of Burglary, a felony of the second degree. The terms of the plea agreement included five years of community control and completion of the Amethyst Drug Treatment Program among other conditions. Brooks’ charges stem from an incident on April 16, 2014, in which she struck her mother, causing injuries to her face, as well as an incident on April 21, 2014, in which Brooks entered her mother’s residence in Nelsonville, without permission, and stole over \$7,000.00 worth of jewelry.

On August 22, 2014, the State filed a Notice of Violation of Bond and Violation of Change of Plea alleging Brooks violated the terms of her bond and plea agreement as she was not residing at the appropriate locations and it was believed that she may have been under the influence of drugs. On August 26, 2014, the State filed a Supplemental Notice of Violation of Bond and Violation of Change of Plea based on Brooks testing positive for drugs.

During the September 10, 2014, sentencing hearing, Brooks admitted to testing positive for drugs. The Court found that Brooks was in violation of her bond and the plea agreement and sentenced her to a total of four (4) years in the State Penal System. The State agreed not to oppose Judicial Release after nine (9) months provided Brooks is released into a Community Based Correctional Facility upon her release from prison.

This case was investigated by the Nelsonville Police Department.