



KELLER J. BLACKBURN
Athens County Prosecuting Attorney

ACPO PRESS RELEASE

From: Keller J. Blackburn, Athens County Prosecuting Attorney

Date: October 14, 2014 ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

Athens County Grand Jury Indicts Michigan Man on Rape, Sexual Battery Charges

An Athens County Grand Jury today returned indictments against Dedrick Peterson, 31, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on six counts of Rape, felonies of the first degree; and three counts of Sexual Battery, felonies of the third degree.

The charges stem from an incident which occurred during Ohio University Homecoming weekend in 2013. Both Defendant and the victim have connections with Ohio University and were affiliated with the Marching 110. Mr. Peterson waived his right to extradition and was transported from Washtenaw County to Athens County and is currently housed in the Southeast Ohio Regional Jail.

Peterson was arrested in Michigan on October 7th on a felony complaint after Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn and his investigators travelled to Michigan to interview him. Peterson's arrest followed an investigation by the Athens Police Department which led to a further inquiry by the Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Unit. The Prosecutor's Office worked with the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation to secure additional DNA testing in the case.

An arraignment has been scheduled for 11 am on October 15, 2014 in front the Honorable L. Alan Goldsberry.

A copy of the indictment returned by today's Grand Jury is attached.