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James Rupe, 35, of Athens, Ohio, appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on January 9, 2015, for the purpose of a pre-trial hearing. Rupe entered a change of plea to guilty to two (2) indictments; in case number 14CR0371 to one (1) count of Theft, a felony of the fifth degree and one (1) count of Receiving Stolen Property, a felony of the fifth degree and in case number 14CR0407 to two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree, one (1) count of Assault, a felony of the fourth degree, one (1) count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the fifth degree, one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fifth degree, and one (1) count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

The Court sentenced Rupe to a total of three (3) years in the State Penal System. Upon his release from prison, Rupe will be required to complete the SEPTA program. Rupe was also ordered to write a letter of apology to the victim, as well as to pay restitution and undergo a six (6) month driver's license suspension.

These cases were investigated by the Athens Hocking Fairfield Major Crimes Unit and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Police Department.

Dorian Graham, 20, of Athens, Ohio, appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on January 13, 2015, for the purpose of a pre-trial hearing. Graham entered a change of plea to guilty to an indictment charging one (1) count of Sexual Battery, a felony of the third degree; one (1) count of Extortion, a felony of the third degree; one (1) count of Attempted Sexual Battery, a felony of the fourth degree and one (1) count of Attempted Extortion, a felony of the fourth degree.

The Court sentenced Graham to a total prison term of four (4) years and six (6) months. Graham will be required to participate in sex offender counseling during his term of incarceration and will be subject to three (3) years of mandatory post-release control upon his release. Graham will not be permitted to have any contact with the victim or the victim's family or Ohio University's Athens campus upon his release.

This case was investigated by the Ohio University Police Department.