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Lance Nichols, 56, of Coolville, Ohio, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on January 28, 2015, for the purpose of sentencing. Nichols previously entered a change of plea to guilty to an indictment charging one (1) count of Attempted Rape, a felony of the first degree and four (4) counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, felonies of the third degree.

Judge McCarthy sentenced Nichols to a total prison term of ten (10) years to life. Nichols will be required to serve a minimum of ten (10) years of his term. Should Nichols be granted parole, he will be subject to lifetime supervision in addition to five (5) years of mandatory post-release control. Nichols will also be required to register as a sex offender and will be required to complete other conditions as a Tier III sex offender.

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