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Michael Dale Wright, 25, currently incarcerated in the Southeast Correctional Institution on unrelated charges, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang on March 9, 2015, and entered a change of plea to guilty to an indictment charging one count of Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree and one (1) count of Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree.

Judge Lang sentenced Wright to a total of six (6) years in the State Penal System to begin upon completion of the sentence he is currently serving for Hocking County charges. Wright will be subject to five years of post-release control upon his release from incarceration. Wright was ordered to pay restitution and Court costs.

Prosecutor Blackburn states that “Wright did admit to entering the home of another individual on November 12, 2013, with the purpose to commit a theft offense. Wright also admitted to assaulting an individual at the residence with a knife, causing serious physical harm.”

Timothy Pickett, 44, address unknown, Wright’s co-Defendant, is scheduled to begin a bench trial in front of Judge George P. McCarthy on March 10, 2015.

This case was investigated by the Nelsonville Police Department.