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Shane Casteel, 26, of Caldwell, Ohio, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on June 16, 2016, for a change of plea and sentencing. Casteel previously entered a change of plea to guilty in case number 14CR0074 to one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree, one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fifth degree, one (1) count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the third degree; one (1) count of Illegal Assembly or Possession of Chemicals of the Manufacture of Drugs, a felony of the third degree and one (1) count of Illegal Manufacture of Drugs, a felony of the second degree. Casteel also entered a change of plea to guilty in case number 14CR0494 to one (1) count of Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer, a felony of the third degree.

Judge McCarthy sentenced Casteel to a total prison term of six (6) years. Casteel shall be subject to a mandatory term of three (3) years of post-release control upon his release from incarceration.

The 14CR0074 case was investigated by the Athens County Sheriff's Office and the 14CR0494 case was investigated by the Athens Police Department.