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***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

Frederick Joseph Craig, Jr., 53, of New Lexington, Ohio, currently incarcerated in the Southeast Ohio Regional Jail, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on June 22, 2015, for the purpose of sentencing.

On June 4, 2015, Craig entered a change of plea of guilty to an indictment charging one (1) count of Attempted Murder, a felony of the first degree; two (2) counts of Felonious Assault, felonies of the second degree; two (2) counts of Aggravated Robbery, felonies of the first degree; two (2) counts of Aggravated Burglary, felonies of the first degree; one (1) count of Tampering With Evidence, a felony of the third degree; and one (1) count of Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

The parties argued sentencing with the State asking for thirty-nine (39) years in prison and Defense counsel requested that Defendant be sentenced to less than eleven (11) years.

Judge George P. McCarthy sentenced Craig to a total of twenty-six (26) years in the State Penal System.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that “on March 11, 2015, Craig did stab his wife, multiple times, which resulted in life threatening injuries. Craig did hide the knife in a bag of dog food in attempt to conceal it from officers.”

This case was investigated by the Glouster Police Department.