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Tina Marie Wright, 48, of Little Hocking, Ohio, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang and a jury of her peers in the Athens County Common Pleas Court for a trial that began on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Jury selection commenced on Thursday, June 11, 2015, followed by opening statements and victim/witness testimony and closing arguments. The parties rested and the case was presented to the jury to begin deliberations on the afternoon of Friday, June 12, 2015. After approximately one half of an hour, the jury returned with their verdict.

Wright was found guilty of two (2) counts of Interference with Custody, both felonies of the fifth degree.

Sentencing will be scheduled at a later date.

On September 23, 2014, Wright did fail to appear for a Court ordered custody hearing and did flee the State with her children. Wright and her children were located in Texas.

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