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Willard A. Whitmore, 68, of The Plains, OH, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on January 11, 2016. Whitmore changed his plea to guilty with a joint recommendation to serve four (4) years and eleven (11) months in the State Penal System, on the indictment as charged: one count, Robbery, a felony of the second degree (F2), with specifications to forfeiture property, one count, Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree (F5), one count, Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree (F3).

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Whitmore is to forfeit his vehicle, and upon release from incarceration, Whitmore will be subject to a mandatory term of three (3) years post release control. Whitmore is also ordered to pay court costs.

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