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ATHENS, Ohio – John W. Baker, 25, of Nelsonville, Ohio, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on February 25, 2016, and entered a change of plea to guilty to the indictment charging two (2) counts of Burglary, Kidnapping and two (2) counts of Gross Sexual Imposition.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that “Baker did enter the homes of two (2) individuals, without permission. At the first residence, Baker did enter through a window, attack the victim in his sleep and forcibly held him against his will for his own sexual motivation. The victim of the second instance awoke to Baker pulling down his boxers. Initially, the victim was unable to leave due to the difference in size between himself and Baker but was ultimately able to break free and call the police.”

Judge McCarthy sentenced Baker to a total prison term of ten (10) years and classified him as a Teir II Sex Offender. Upon release from incarceration, in addition to sex offender registration requirements requiring him to register with his local Sheriff’s Office every six (6) months for twenty-five (25) years, Baker will be subject to a mandatory term of five (5) years of post-release control.

This case was investigated by the Athens Police Department.