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ATHENS, Ohio – Austin Christopher McCoy, 21, of Athens, Ohio, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on April 21, 2016, and entered a change of plea to guilty to an indictment charging Failure to Provide Notice of Change of Address in case number 14CR0358 and Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Office in case number 16CR0010.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that, “McCoy was previously convicted of a sex offense and ordered to register as a Tier III Sexually Oriented Offender. In August of 2014, McCoy failed to register with the Athens County Sheriff’s Office as ordered. In December of 2015, a traffic stop was conducted on McCoy’s vehicle. McCoy was uncooperative and aggressive and ultimately fled the scene in his vehicle and led the police on a chase that lasted over eighteen (18) miles.”

Judge McCarthy sentenced McCoy to a total prison term of ten (10) years and nine (9) months. McCoy will be subject to a five (5) year term of mandatory post-release control upon his release.

The 2014 case was investigated by the Athens County Sheriff’s Office and the 2016 case was investigated by the Athens Police Department.