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**ATHENS, Ohio** – Joshua Kane Wise, 40, of Chauncey, Ohio, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang on March 31, 2017, for sentencing. Wise was previously found guilty by a jury of his peers of Intimidation, a felony of the third degree and Obstructing Official Business, a misdemeanor of the second degree, following a two day trial, on February 23, 2017.

Judge Lang sentenced Wise to a total prison term of eighteen (18) months. Upon his release, Wise will be subject to three (3) years of mandatory post-release control.

As previously reported, on July 1, 2016, deputies of the Athens County Sheriff's Office responded to Wise's residence for the report of a domestic dispute. Wise became aggressive, confrontational and belligerent to deputies, threatening to kill one of them when he found him off-duty. After making this threat against the deputy, the deputy told him he was under arrest. Instead of complying with the arrest, Wise ran into his house, and slammed the door, causing the deputy to have to breach the door to affect the arrest. When the deputies entered the house, Wise went to the ground and pulled his arms under his body to prevent his arrest. Deputies had to force his arms from under his body to handcuff him and take him into physical custody.

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