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Purse-snatcher sentenced to a year in prison

ATHENS, Ohio – Zachary Rowe, 28, of Columbus, was sentenced Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, to one year in prison after pleading guilty in Athens County Common Pleas Court to a third-degree felony charge of robbery.

According to a report from the Athens Police Department, Rowe stole a purse from Crystal Radcliff on May 30, 2020. Radcliff struggled to keep her purse but the strap broke and Rowe fled the scene. Radcliff's daughter pursued Rowe but was unable to catch him. Rowe was later identified through an investigation and charged.

Judge George McCarthy ordered the one-year prison sentence and ordered Rowe pay \$300 restitution to Radcliff. Upon his release, Rowe will be placed on three years of post-release control.



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