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Albany man pleads guilty to theft-related charges to laundromat and car wash

ATHENS, Ohio – Jason Cunningham, 42, of Albany, was sentenced Thursday in Athens County Common Pleas Court to two years in prison after pleading guilty to thefts from a laundromat and a car wash.

Cunningham pleaded guilty to two separate indictments charging:

- Breaking and entering (F5) — two counts
- Vandalism (F5)
- Safecracking (F4)
- Tampering with coin machines (M1) — two counts
- Petty theft (M1)

Judge Patrick Lang ordered Cunningham to serve concurrent sentences for a total of one year in prison for one indictment and concurrent sentences for total of one year in prison on a separate indictment. The cases are ordered to run consecutively to each other for a total of two years.

On April 14, 2020, Cunningham broke into the Albany Laundromat. Later, he confessed to Albany police to breaking into the business and prying open coin machines. According to the police report, he told Officer Todd Bumbalough, "I needed money to buy drugs. I'm an addict and needed money."

A week after breaking into the laundromat, Cunningham similarly committed crimes at VMW Car Wash on Columbus Road in Athens. He would confess to that crime as well to Athens County Sheriff's Office Detective Brice Fick.

Cunningham was ordered to pay restitution within two years to the owners of the car wash and laundromat in the amount of \$2,286.46 and \$1,000, respectively.

Cunningham is currently serving a three-year prison sentence from Fairfield County for possession of drugs. The Athens County sentence will run concurrent to the Fairfield County sentence.

