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**Guysville man sentenced to four years in prison after multiple  
community control violations**

**ATHENS, Ohio** – Scott Stepp, 36, of Guysville, was sentenced Wednesday in Athens County Common Pleas Court to four years in prison after violating the terms of previously imposed community control sanctions.

In October 2018, Stepp was sentenced to five years of community control after pleading guilty to aggravated trafficking in drugs, trafficking in heroin and receiving stolen property. Athens County Common Pleas Court Judge Patrick Lang granted the community control sanction with an underlying sentence of four years in prison should Stepp violate.

In December 2018, Stepp failed to complete the STAR rehabilitation program as ordered and in January 2019, Stepp arranged to have his girlfriend leave marijuana for him in the elevator of the Athens County Courthouse. Stepp later stipulated to violating his community control and Lang decided to give Stepp a second chance to complete the terms of the imposed community control.

However, in late 2019, Stepp was indicted for robbery, a second-degree felony with a gun specification, having weapons while under disability (F3) and receiving stolen property (F4). The indictment followed an incident on Nov. 28 of that year in which Stepp allegedly threatened an employee at the Guysville Marathon and brandished a gun. At the time, Stepp was wanted in connection with an incident earlier in the evening in which someone allegedly shot a handgun several times toward a home in Stewart.

While that case is still pending, Stepp was charged with criminal trespassing by being on the grounds of the Guysville Marathon in May 2020. He also violated the terms of his community control by failing to complete ordered rehabilitation programs, not contacting the Adult Parole Authority, failing to appear at court hearings, fleeing law enforcement officers on multiple occasions and resisting arrest.

Wednesday, Lang revoked the community control and imposed the four-year prison sentence. Stepp has 545 days of jail credit but the sentence cannot be reduced for good behavior.

A jury trial for the 2019 indictment is scheduled for April 29.

