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**Amesville man sentenced for four and a half years in prison after theft of truck
and illegal possession of firearm**

ATHENS, Ohio – Steven Forgoress, 42, of Amesville, was sentenced Wednesday in Athens County Common Pleas Court to four years and six months in prison.

Forgoress pleaded guilty to two cases that charged:

- Grand theft of a motor vehicle (F4)
- Having weapons under disability (F3)
- Improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle (F4)

Athens County Common Pleas Court Judge George McCarthy sentenced Forgoress to a three-year sentence for having weapons under disability and improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle and 18 months for grand theft of a motor vehicle. The sentences were ordered to run consecutive to each other for a total of four years and six months.

McCarthy found that Forgoress failed to remain law-abiding, had no genuine remorse, is drug-dependent and that recidivism is likely.

Forgoress was ordered to pay \$3,000 in restitution and is given credit for 115 days in jail.

On Aug. 28, 2019, during a traffic stop by the Athens County Sheriff's Office, Forgoress was found to have a gun on his person while already under indictment for grand theft of a motor vehicle. On Sept. 28, 2019, Forgoress stole a truck from Go Mart in Nelsonville.

