

## **MATTHEW WEST SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS PRISON**

Earlier this year, a Fairfield County jury found Matthew West guilty of two counts of Felonious Assault (F2), one count of Abduction (F3) and one count of Domestic Violence (M1). After a three day trial, the jury deliberated and returned their verdicts on January 28, 2016.

On March 9, 2016, West was sentenced to serve a 4-year prison term in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections by Judge Richard E. Berens of the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court.

The trial was presented by Fairfield County Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Andrea Green and Zoe Lamberson. At the trial, the State presented evidence that in June of 2015, the Defendant physically assaulted his live-in girlfriend causing her to suffer injuries including a partially collapsed lung and a fractured shoulder.

Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney Gregg Marx stated: “We believe the Court’s sentence demonstrates the seriousness of the Defendant’s actions, will serve to hold him accountable for his conduct, and will send a message to others in the community to think twice before engaging in this type of criminal behavior. Our office sincerely thanks Lancaster Police Department Officer Franklin Graf and the treating staff at Fairfield Medical Center for their hard work in this matter.”

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Gregg Marx  
Prosecuting Attorney