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Brookville Firefighter Guilty of Abduction & Sex Charges

State v. Joshua P. Rawlins, 2014-CR-830

DAYTON, OH (02/18/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 26-year-old **Joshua P. Rawlins**, of Brookville, has been found guilty of abduction and sexual imposition for inappropriate sexual conduct with a 16-year-old female.

The defendant, currently on administrative leave, was a firefighter and EMT for the City of Brookville. On multiple occasions, the defendant had inappropriate sexual relations with the victim, including while on duty at the Brookville Fire Department.

Today, the defendant was found guilty of:

- One count of Abduction
- One count of Sexual Imposition

The defendant waived any appeal rights, and was ordered to resign from the Brookville Fire Department, have no contact with the victim or the Brookville Fire Department, and not serve in the capacity of a firefighter or EMT with any other department. The defendant will be designated a Tier I Sexual Offender, meaning he will be required to register his address annually for 15 years.

Brookville Police Chief Doug Jerome commented, “We are glad that this defendant will now be held accountable. This has been a trying time for the Brookville Fire Department as well as the victim and the community. I feel this is a fair resolution to all parties involved.”

Prosecutor Heck added, “It is unfortunate that this defendant, as a member of an organization devoted to protecting the community, committed these crimes. His actions should not reflect upon the dedicated men and women of the Brookville Fire Department.”

The defendant will be sentenced on March 18, 2015 at 1:30 pm. There was no sentencing agreement by the State and the State will be filing a sentencing memorandum.

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