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**Woman Guilty of Assault on a Police Officer and Possession of Drugs**  
***Officer Pricked by Dirty Drug Needle***  
***State v. Ashley Warner 2014-CR-2256***

**DAYTON, OH (02/10/2015)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Ashley Lynn Warner**, 25, of West Milton, has been found guilty on all indicted charges, including assault on a police officer as well as drug charges.

On Friday, June 20, 2014, Vandalia Police Detectives were patrolling the Miller Lane area of Butler Township in an unmarked cruiser, looking for illegal drug activity. When officers became suspicious by the activity of the vehicle in which the defendant was a passenger, they approached the vehicle in a hotel parking lot. Suspecting illegal drug activity, the defendant was asked repeatedly if she had any weapons or needles before being patted down. When the Vandalia Officer conducted a pat-down, the officer was pricked by a used drug needle the defendant had hidden in her pants.

In addition to the needle, the defendant was found to be in possession of both heroin and cocaine. Concerned about the possibility of contracting Hepatitis C from the intravenous drug user, the officer was transported to the emergency room for treatment.

Today, the defendant was found guilty as charged on all the indicted counts:

- One count of Felonious Assault on a Police Officer
- One count of Possession of Heroin
- One count of Possession of Cocaine
- One count of Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments

Prosecutor Heck continued, “The risk of infection of serious diseases from illegal drug users is always a concern for police officers, which is why they repeatedly ask about dangerous objects before conducting a suspect pat-down. This officer had to be routinely tested for months for Hepatitis because of the disrespectful and indifferent lying of this defendant.”

The defendant will be sentenced on March 17, 2015 at 9:30 am.

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