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**Woman Sentenced for Assault on a Police Officer,
Possession of Drugs**

Vandalia Officer Pricked by Used Drug Needle During Patdown

State v. Ashley Warner 2014-CR-2256

DAYTON, OH (03/24/2015) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Ashley Lynn Warner**, 25, of West Milton, was sentenced for her conviction 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.

On February 10, 2015 the defendant was found guilty as charged on all the indicted counts, including one count of Felonious Assault on a Police Officer, one count of Possession of Heroin, one count of Possession of Cocaine and one count of Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments

Today, the defendant was sentenced to serve 30 days of local incarceration in addition to the 37 days the defendant has been in custody. The defendant's driver's license was suspended for six months, and she was sentenced to intensive probation, ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, gain employment, obtain drug abuse treatment and attend the Court's women's offender group.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant's actions were reprehensible. The defendant tested positive for Hepatitis C and the officer had to undergo testing to make sure she didn't contract Hepatitis from the used drug needle. While we argued – and believed – that this defendant should have been sentenced to prison for her actions, we hope she will be closely monitored on probation for the full five years."

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