

Springfield Man Convicted in Domestic Violence/Burglary Case



Jonathon Eicholtz

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On Thursday, January 12, 2012, a Clark County jury found Jonathon Eicholtz, 27, of Springfield, guilty of one count of aggravated burglary, a first degree felony; one count of domestic violence, a third degree felony; and one count of abduction, also a third degree felony. The three-day trial culminated with the jury reaching a verdict at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening.

On January 18, 2012, Eicholtz was sentenced by the Honorable Douglas M. Rastatter to Ten (10) years in prison.

In the early morning hours of May 13, 2011, Eicholtz broke into a residence on Schenley Street in Enon looking for his girlfriend, who he believed was cheating on him. Not finding her, he assaulted a friend of the victim. After 911 was called, the defendant fled the residence. Later that day, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Eicholtz's girlfriend returned home from work. The defendant returned home a short time later and began to assault her.

Over the course of the next 14 hours, the victim was repeatedly punched, kicked, choked, and bitten. After the victim failed to appear for work the next day and failed to answer repeated telephone calls, a co-worker contacted the defendant's father, who arrived at the victim's residence at approximately 2:30 p.m. on May 14, 2011. When he pounded on the front door, the victim escaped out of a bedroom window, screaming for help and wearing only her bra and underwear. The defendant's father placed the victim in his vehicle, and took her to the Mad River Fire Station for treatment. She was transported to Springfield Regional Medical Center where she was treated and released to family members. The victim sustained extensive bruising covering most of her body.

Eicholtz fled the jurisdiction and was subsequently arrested in New Mexico on warrants arising from this case.

“At trial the victim recanted the entire story that she had told immediately after the assault, blaming her injuries on a bar fight from the night before,” said Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Amy Smith. “However, the jury could not ignore the overwhelming physical evidence, the 911 recordings, and the testimony of the Mad River EMS first responders.” Detectives Todd Shillito and Deb Strileckyj were the lead detectives in the case. Their efforts, along with other Clark County Sheriff Deputies, assisted in the investigation and prosecution.