

News Release



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Offender Sentenced to Serve 72 Years Robert Nesser convicted of 18 felony counts

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio – (February 5, 2013) – Robert Nesser was sentenced Tuesday, February 5th, to serve 72 years in prison for 18 felony counts.

Nesser, 40, from Springfield, Ohio, was found guilty by a jury on January 11, 2013 of 18 felony counts for his violent crimes against his then girlfriend.

Clark County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard J. O'Neill sentenced Nesser as follows:

- Count 1, Domestic Violence – 2 years
- Count 2, Felonious Assault – 5 years
- Count 3, Kidnapping – 10 years
- Count 4, Felonious Assault – 5 years
- Count 5, Felonious Assault – 7 years
- Count 6, Felonious Assault – 7 years
- Count 7, Domestic Violence – 3 years
- Count 8, Felonious Assault – 7 years
- Count 9, Rape – 11 years
- Count 10, Rape – 11 years
- Count 11, Kidnapping – 5 years
- Count 12, Kidnapping – 5 years
- Count 14, Robbery – 4 years
- Count 15, Kidnapping – 10 years
- Count 16, Domestic Violence – 3 years
- Count 17, Rape – 11 years
- Count 18, Rape – 11 years
- Count 19, Felonious Assault – merged into Count 5 for sentencing

Judge O'Neill ordered that Counts 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 14, 17, and 18 be run consecutive to each other and to all other counts. He further ordered that the sentence in Counts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 be run concurrent to each other but consecutive to the time imposed in other counts. Counts 11, 12, 15, and 16 were ordered to be run concurrent to each other and concurrent to all other counts. Finally, Count 19 was merged into Count 5 for sentencing purposes. Thus, the total time imposed is 72 years. The convictions of Rape require that Nesser register as a Tier 3 sex offender, which mandates that he will have to register with law enforcement every 90 days for the rest of his life.

On May 10, 2012, Nesser returned to the place he lived with his girlfriend. He started an argument and hit the victim multiple times. Shortly after that, Nesser struck the victim multiple times in the head with a beer bottle. The victim walked to a nearby gas station, where the police were called. The victim spoke with officers resulting in Nesser being charged with Domestic Violence. After the police left, and as the victim was walking back to her place, Nesser found the victim. He grabbed her and forced her to an abandoned house on Broadway. Once inside, Nesser put the victim in a chokehold and choked her until she lost consciousness. After she regained consciousness, Nesser took off his belt and whipped the victim with it multiple times resulting in extensive bruising and a broken eardrum. Nesser also kicked, punched, and pushed the victim multiple times during his assault. Nesser looped his belt around the victim's neck and choked her with it. Nesser also sexually assaulted the victim multiple times in the abandoned home. Sometime during this assault, Nesser knocked out one of the victim's teeth.

Nesser then forced the victim to other locations where first, he had the victim call her mother for a money order and second, he had the victim collect the money order. Nesser then took that money from the victim. Ultimately, Nesser took the victim to a local motel where he physically and sexually assaulted the victim. The next morning, the two were walking in Springfield when an officer observed Nesser and arrested him on the outstanding domestic violence warrant from the day before.

Clark County Assistant Prosecutors Amy Smith and Dan Driscoll prosecuted the case with assistance from Prosecutor Andy Wison. Nesser has a lengthy history of domestic violence charges. The Prosecutor's Office is extremely pleased with the results of this case and the sentence imposed by the Court.
