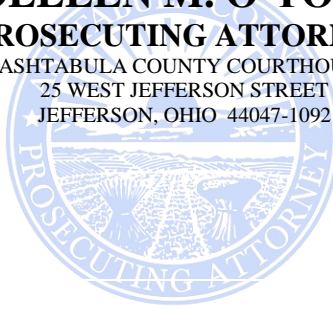


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IN RE: State vs. Joshua Dale Gurto
Case # 2020 CR 640

The Office of Colleen M. O'Toole, Ashtabula County Prosecutor and Chief Assistant Prosecutor Dawn Cantalamessa have obtained a plea and sentence in the case of 2020 CR 640. Joshua Dale Gurto has pled guilty to charges on May 16, 2022 to the indictment, prior to a jury being sworn and a trial started.

Joshua Dale Gurto plead guilty to all counts, of the complaint consisting of Aggravated Burglary 2911.11 (A) 2911.11 (B); 10 years, Rape 2907.02; 10 years (A) and Felonious assault 2903.11; 8 years (A).

The Defendant was sentenced by Judge Patricia A. Cosgrove to 28 years in prison with five hundred and fifteen days credit for time served, subject to appeal. This case is a credit to the diligence of our office to secure the safety of the people of Ashtabula County.

Prosecutor Colleen M. O'Toole thanks The Conneaut Police Department along with Chief Michael Colby and Michael's deceased Canine Partner Nix for all of their hard work on this.

She especially commends the victims courage in coming forward after seventeen years to ensure this conviction.