



## **Woman Sent to Prison for Harassing her Former School Teacher**

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Kristina Dotson, 20, of Butlerville, Ohio, was sentenced today to three years in prison by Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Michael Gilb. Dotson entered a guilty plea to intimidation, a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, and telephone harassment, a misdemeanor of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

Between April 22 and April 25, 2015, Dotson sent numerous email and phone messages to the victims who are husband and wife. The wife is a former teacher of Dotson and first began receiving the troublesome emails on her work email in 2012. When she changed school districts, Dotson found out where her new employment was and began sending her emails at her new employment. Dotson also began sending emails to the husband in 2015. On April 23, 2015, Lebanon Police Officer Patrick Jenkinson warned Dotson to stop contacting the victims or risk arrest for harassment. Then, on April 23, 2015, she sent five emails to the victims threatening “you will regret contacting the police” and “I’m tired of being reported to the police, try again and see what happens.” Again, on April 28, 2015, Dotson sent two more emails, one of which threatened the husband’s life – “try calling the police and a hit man will shoot you.”

“This is a sad case where a couple, through no fault of their own, became the target of someone with obvious mental health issues,” said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell. “Our principal goal in this case was to make sure Dotson is not able to continue to threaten these victims, but in the long run, we certainly want to see Dotson obtain treatment for her mental health issues,” Fornshell said.

Prosecutor Fornshell praised the diligent investigation efforts of Lebanon Division of Police Officer Patrick Jenkinson, Assistant Prosecutor Teresa Hiatt, Victim Witness Coordinators Jessi Flint, Cassidy Cook, and Melissa Kennard, and Legal Assistant Brenda Berry.



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