

# Mason Case Involving Sex, Drugs, and Videos Concluded

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Devon Cardwell, 21, of Mason was sentenced yesterday on two counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree; trafficking in marijuana, a felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree; possession of criminal tools, a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree; theft, a misdemeanor of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree; and criminal simulation, a misdemeanor of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Warren County Common Pleas Judge Robert Peeler suspended 18 months in prison and sentenced Cardwell to successfully complete a community-based corrections facility program. Cardwell was also placed on community control for three years and must register as a Tier II sex offender. This requires Cardwell to report to the sheriff's office every six months for the next 25 years and follow strict sex offender guidelines.

In December 2015, Cardwell passed counterfeit money to a LaRosa's delivery driver. A search warrant was conducted at Cardwell's mother's home where he was staying. During the search, marijuana packaged for sale and three firearms were found in his sibling's room where Cardwell kept his belongings. Detectives also discovered two videos showing Cardwell with the counterfeit money and guns. When Cardwell was arrested, jail calls uncovered a sexual relationship with an underage female.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the efforts of Mason Police Department Detective Sean McCormick, Assistant Prosecutor Carrie Heisele, Investigator Timothy Shaffner, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Tonya Colwell for their work on the case.



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