

Lency August, 51, of Hamlet, North Carolina, was sentenced today to ten years in prison and classified a Tier III sex offender by Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Tepe. Earlier this month, August was found guilty by a Warren County jury of one count of rape, a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, for the 2017 sexual assault of an adult female acquaintance.

On February 22, 2017, August sexually assaulted a female acquaintance near the Kohl's store in Middletown, Ohio. The woman was driving August to work when he became angry and struck her in the face multiple times. August forced the vehicle to be driven to the side of Kohl's where he proceeded to sexually assault the female. The woman reported the assault the following day to police. August fled to North Carolina and committed additional crimes for which he is currently serving a prison sentence. Once August has completed his sentence in North Carolina, he will return to Ohio to begin serving this sentence.

Fornshell commended Det. Beth Stewart of the Middletown Police Department, Assistant Prosecutor Carrie Heisele, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Ginger Weigel for their work on the case.



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