



## **Salem Township Man Pleads Guilty to Sexual Assault on Bike Trail**

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Kyle Motz, 32, of Salem Twp., Ohio, pled guilty today to one count gross sexual imposition, a felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, in front of Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Donald E. Oda II.

On July 30, 2017, a 63 year-old woman was running along the Little Miami Bike Trail when Motz jumped from the bushes and sexually assaulted her. The woman was able to break free and run to safety. She reported to police that she had seen Motz earlier walking a small dog along the trail. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources investigated the scene and collected the victim's clothing. The clothing was tested by the Ohio Attorney General's Office and Motz's DNA was located on her compression shorts. Motz is a Tier I sex offender from a previous case in Lebanon Municipal Court.

"Motz didn't just victimize the 63 year-old woman who bravely fought him off. He also victimized all the women who run along that section of the bike trail who likely are having to think even more about their personal safety than they already do," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell. "It's infuriating when a predator like Motz chooses to target a female victim out enjoying the treasure to our community that the Little Miami Bike Trail is," Fornshell said.

Fornshell commended Det. Charles Carlson of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Assistant Prosecutor Carrie Heisele, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink for their work on the case.

Motz will be sentenced on February 13, 2018.



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