

# Repeat Violent Offender Sentenced for Rape

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Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell announced that David Ridenour, 40, of Lebanon, Ohio, was sentenced yesterday to 10-15 years in prison in Warren County Common Pleas Court. In March, Ridenour was found guilty of rape, a felony of the first degree, and a repeat violent offender specification.

On October 16, 2020, Ridenour lured his 21-year-old victim and her boyfriend back to his apartment after meeting them at a Lebanon bar. While at Ridenour's apartment, the victim's boyfriend passed out. Ridenour then forced sexual conduct upon the victim. Ultimately, she and her boyfriend were able to flee the apartment and reported the incident to Lebanon Police the next day.

This is Ridenour's third conviction for forcible rape. In 2007, he was convicted of rape offenses involving two separate victims, and (retired) Judge Neal Bronson sentenced Ridenour to 12 years in prison for those offenses. At the time of Ridenour's recent charge, he remained under supervision of the Ohio Adult Parole Authority on post release control. He was released on his previous prison sentence in August 2019.

"Ridenour barely waited a year after his release from prison to rape yet another woman. The women of our community are safer every day he spends in prison," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell commended Sergeant Nate Trout and the Lebanon Division of Police, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kevin Hardman, Victim Witness Coordinator Melissa Kennard, and Legal Assistant Brenda Berry for their work on the case.



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