

Loveland Woman Sentenced for Felonious Assault on a Police Officer

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Benjie Brown, 43, of Loveland, was convicted of Felonious Assault on a Police Officer and Failure to Comply with the Order of a Police Officer and sentenced to six years in prison today by Judge Donald Oda.

On May 19, 2013, Brown was found sleeping in a stolen mini-van in the I-71 rest area by Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers. When troopers investigated, she fled southbound on I-71, exiting the highway at State Route 123, and proceeding westbound into the City of Lebanon. She continued on State Route 48, Deerfield Road, and Cook Road, before ultimately traveling north on State Route 48 and east on State Route 123 before re-entering I-71 southbound. She avoided stop sticks when she exited at Exit 25, slightly injuring a Mason police officer in the process, and immediately re-entered I-71 southbound. Just south of Kings Island near mile marker 22, she collided with an OSHP cruiser thereby disabling her vehicle and causing the cruiser to crash into a concrete barrier. Speeds during the pursuit exceeded 125 m.p.h.

In addition to six years in prison, Judge Oda ordered Brown to pay \$25,313.24 in restitution and suspended her driving privileges for her lifetime.

“Unfortunately, this is another example of how drivers who run from the police put law enforcement officers and the public in great danger,” said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell. “Our office will continue to prosecute these cases aggressively,” Fornshell said.



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