



## **Waynesville Man Sent to Prison for High Speed Crash**

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Marshall Dutton, 21, of Waynesville, Ohio, was sentenced today to five years in prison by Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Tepe. In January, Dutton pled guilty to aggravated vehicular assault, a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

On August 20, 2016, the Ohio State Highway Patrol was dispatched to a crash that occurred on northbound Interstate 75 near the Middletown exit. Prior to the crash, there were multiple 911 calls stating that a driver was driving erratically at high rates of speed and was falling asleep at the wheel. When Trooper Tyler Boetcher arrived on scene, he found the victim Elliot Feltner trapped in his vehicle. Witnesses were holding Dutton down on the side of the interstate stating to the trooper that Dutton was attempting to flee. Trooper Boetcher then placed Dutton into custody. At this time, Dutton was not cooperative and made the statements, "What did I do?" and "All I did was crash a car." Several witnesses approached Trooper Boetcher and stated that Dutton was traveling at a very high rate of speed and was falling asleep, nearly striking the median wall several times, and was going in excess of 100 mph and traveling on the berm.

Feltner, 22, of Park Hills, Kentucky, was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. He has undergone two brain surgeries, three spinal surgeries and two surgeries on his throat. Feltner sustained a severed spinal cord and is now classified as a quadriplegic. He also suffered severe damage to his windpipe and esophagus. Doctors have indicated he will never be able to eat again and will have to be on a feeding tube for the rest of his life.

Feltner graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude). He had plans to qualify to make the U.S. National Inline Skating Team.

Toxicology lab reports concluded that Dutton was under the influence of several drugs at the time of the crash, including marijuana, cocaine, Xanax and morphine. Two straws containing Ecstasy residue were also found in Dutton's vehicle.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended Trooper Tyler Boetcher of the OSHP, Assistant Prosecutor John Arnold, Investigator Tim Shaffner, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, Victim Witness Coordinator Cassidy Cook, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink for their work on the case.



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