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Clinton Man Sentenced for Arranging to Have Sex With a 14-Year-Old Girl

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, November 30, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Amy Corrigan-Jones sentenced Thomas Trend, 25, of South Second Street in Clinton, to five years in prison. Trend arranged to have sex with a 14-year-old girl which turned out to be a Tallmadge Police Officer.

On October 28, 2015, Trend pled guilty to the following charges:

- Attempted Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor – a felony of the fourth degree
- Three counts of Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles – felonies of the fourth degree
- Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity-Oriented Material or Performance – a felony of the fifth degree

On January 31, 2015, Trend was arrested in a Tallmadge park after he arranged to have sex with what he thought was a 14-year-old girl. A Tallmadge Police Officer posed as the girl and had interacted with Trend via email. Prior to arraigning the meeting, Trend sent nude photographs and asked for the same in return. When officers arrested Trend, they also found images of children engaging in sex with men on his cell phone.

Judge Corrigan-Jones also designated Trend a Tier II sex offender, meaning he will have to register with the local sheriff every six months for 25 years.