

News Release



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Sex Offender Sentenced to Serve 15 Years Christopher Atchison Receives Maximum Sentence



SPRINGFIELD, Ohio – (May 24, 2012) – Christopher Atchison, of Springfield, was sentenced Tuesday, May 22, to serve a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison for inappropriate sexual conduct with three minors.

Atchison, 37, of 1419 Linden Ave., pleaded guilty to three third degree felony charges of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor for his inappropriate interactions with three children under the age of 15 between June and November 2011.

Clark County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard O'Neill sentenced Atchison to serve five consecutive years for each count. He also will be registered for 25 years as a Tier 2 sex offender, which mandates that he check in with law enforcement every 180 days.

"We were satisfied with receiving the maximum possible sentence," Clark County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Driscoll said. "Mr. Atchison intentionally befriended the families of these children, gained their trust and then took advantage of them in the worst possible way.

"It's imperative that we take people like Mr. Atchison off the streets to protect our community."
