

STATE OF OHIO V. JOSH MORRIS



Prescription Drug Trafficker Sentenced to 17 years in prison

On Tuesday, August 28, 2012, Josh Morris pled guilty to nine charges in connection with a series of break-ins at pharmacies in Springfield. The charges include five counts of breaking and entering, three counts of possession of drugs, and one count of trafficking in drugs. On September 18, 2012, Judge Douglas Rastatter of the Clark County Common Pleas Court sentenced Josh Morris to a total of seventeen years in prison. He was facing a maximum possible punishment of twenty-five years.

Morris was arrested on March 29, 2012 after a drug trafficking investigation by the Springfield Police Division. During a search of his residence, detectives uncovered a large amount of prescription narcotics and other evidence linking Morris to five separate pharmacy break-ins in Springfield. At the plea hearing Morris admitted to breaking into the Whitacre's Pharmacy on South Limestone Street on February 28, March 21, October 8, and October 27, 2011, and breaking into the Whitacre's Pharmacy on Lagonda Avenue on November 14, 2011. He also admitted to possession of the stolen narcotics and selling the stolen narcotics.

Clark County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Andrew Picek represents the State of Ohio in the case. Detectives Keri Frasco, Ronald W. Jordan, and Timothy Barcus of the Springfield Police Division were the lead investigators in the case.