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Man sentenced for Assaulting Paramedic, Police Officer in Boardman

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (Thursday, March 2, 2023) – 38-year-old Dustin James has been sentenced for Assaulting a paramedic and police officer in Boardman and was sentenced to 8 to 12 years behind bars.

A jury found James guilty of six counts, including **Felonious Assault** (Felony of the first degree), three counts of **Assault** (Felony of the third degree), one count of **Obstructing Official Business**, and one count of **Resisting Arrest**.

On Christmas Eve of 2021, an ambulance crew was assisting Dustin James for a drug overdose. The crew was transporting James to the hospital when a paramedic attempted to use Narcan to aid James after he stopped breathing. James suddenly pulled the syringe out of his leg and attempted to stab her with the syringe. Police arrived in time to help the paramedic and restrain James. Both paramedics were injured during the Assault and treated for their injuries at Boardman Mercy Health.