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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-MAN APPREHENDED IN CANAL WINCHESTER AFTER
SEXUAL ASSAULT**

[Canal Winchester, Ohio, October 22, 2013] On October 21, 2013, Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that a 4-year-old Canal Winchester area child was alleged to have been sexually assaulted by an individual who was homeless and staying with the family.

Nineteen-year-old Charles Anthony Combs, Jr. was arrested by Fairfield County Sheriff's Office personnel and charged with: **F-1, Kidnapping with specifications** and **F-3, Gross Sexual Imposition**, punishable by 15 to 20 years in prison.

The child was discovered in a room in the home, alone with the perpetrator, by the child's mother. Combs then fled the scene and was later found at a nearby shopping center and arrested by Sheriff's Office Detectives and Deputies.

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