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## Macedonia Volleyball Coach Pleads Guilty to Sexual Battery

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, May 12, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Michael Thompson, 30, of Vernon Lane in Macedonia, pled guilty to sexual battery, a felony of the third degree, and gross sexual imposition, a felony of the fourth degree.

Thompson was a volleyball coach in Macedonia and had a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old who was a member of his volleyball team.

"Michael Thompson preyed on a young, pretty girl, and used his position as a coach to take advantage of her," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Make no mistake, my office will aggressively prosecute this type of conduct and make sure others do not become victims."

Summit County Common Pleas Judge Todd McKenney will sentence Thompson on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am.