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Cleveland Resident Enters Guilty Plea to Violations of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 29 year old Cleveland, Ohio, resident entered a plea of guilty on September 1, 2011, in United States District Court in Clarksburg before Judge Irene M. Keeley.

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced that CARDELL D. COVINGTON entered a plea of guilty to one count of an Indictment charging COVINGTON, who was required to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, with traveling in interstate commerce and failing to update his registration from February 2011 to June 6, 2011, in Harrison County.

COVINGTON, who is currently in custody, faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen D. Warner. The case was investigated by the United States Marshals Service, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, and the Clarksburg Police Department.