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### ABBAS PLEADS NO CONTEST IN ABORTION DRUG CASE

**TOLEDO, Ohio** – Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates announced that Hassan-James Abbas, 32, reached a plea agreement May 6, 2026, before Judge Joseph McNamara in case No. CR2025-01611, pleading no contest to four felonies: disrupting public services, unlawful distribution of an abortion-inducing drug, identity fraud, and deception to obtain a dangerous drug.

On or about Dec. 11, 2024, Abbas used his ex-wife's name, date of birth and driver's license number without consent to order two abortion drugs from a website: one 200 mg mifepristone pill and 12 200 mcg misoprostol pills. In the days that followed, Abbas offered drinks such as hot chocolate and tea to the victim, which was out of character for their relationship. The victim accepted at least some of these drinks.

A week later, on Dec. 18, 2024, Abbas invited the victim to his home in Holland, Ohio. The investigation showed Abbas crushed the abortion pills into a powder. While the victim slept, Abbas, knowing the victim believed she was pregnant and did not want to terminate the pregnancy, climbed on top of her, held her down against her will and shoved the crushed pills into her mouth. The victim was able to break free from Abbas and attempted to call 911. Abbas forcefully took the victim's phone from her hand and hung up the call. The victim later left Abbas's residence and went to a hospital for treatment. Abbas later left his home and disposed of the remaining abortion medication by throwing it out of the window of his moving vehicle, which made it unavailable for investigative purposes or trial.

"We expect doctors to uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism and not abuse another person in such an unacceptable way," Bates said. "Doctors hold positions of trust and respect in the community, and this conduct represented a serious abuse of that trust. The conclusion of this case will likely never alleviate the trauma experienced by the victim and others who have heard about this case."

As part of the plea agreement, the State of Ohio agreed to dismiss counts one and two at sentencing. The judge could impose a sentence of up to 60 months in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

Sentencing is set for June 24, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 9 at the Lucas County Courthouse.

Assistant prosecutor Jessica M. Worley handled the case for the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office.

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