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FINAL DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN MAUMEE HOTEL TORTURE CASE

TOLEDO, Ohio – Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates announced today that all defendants involved in the kidnapping and torture of a man at the Maumee Red Roof Inn and a residence at 713 Parker St. in Toledo reached plea agreements and received sentences in Lucas County Common Pleas Court.

Judge Lori L. Olender sentenced the final defendant, David Cessna, 27, in CR2025-00428 on May 28, 2026, to consecutive prison terms totaling 4 to 5 years in prison. Cessna previously pleaded guilty to kidnapping and felonious assault on Sept. 9, 2025.

Martina Esqueda, 29, directed five other men to torture the victim over the course of a week in March 2025. The abuse included repeated beatings, prolonged standing and withholding of food and sleep.

Esqueda, in CR2025-00425, pleaded guilty April 20, 2026, to kidnapping and two counts of felonious assault. Judge Olender sentenced her May 21, 2026, to a total of 22 to 26 years in prison and ordered the sentences to run consecutively.

Aaron Bradshaw, 50, in CR2025-00426, pleaded guilty to one count of felonious assault. Judge Olender sentenced him Dec. 16, 2025, to three to 4.5 years in prison.

Chance Johnson, 28, in CR2025-00430, pleaded guilty to one count of kidnapping, one count of felonious assault and one count of tampering with evidence. Judge Olender sentenced him Jan. 15, 2026, to eight to 12 years in prison.

Austin Bradshaw, 24, in CR2025-00427, pleaded guilty Dec. 18, 2025, to two counts of felonious assault and one count of tampering with evidence. Judge Olender sentenced him Jan. 20, 2026, to eight to 10 years in prison.

Michael Esqueda, 29, in CR2025-00429, pleaded guilty to one count of kidnapping and two counts of felonious assault. Judge Olender sentenced him Dec. 30, 2025, to 16 to 20 years in prison. Michael Esqueda is Martina Esqueda's husband.

"The facts of this case are deeply disturbing," Bates said. "No person should endure the abuse this victim suffered. Our office remained committed to seeing this case through, and we appreciate the efforts of the Maumee Police Department and the Toledo Police Department throughout the investigation."

Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division Maggie E. Koch prosecuted the case for the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office.

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