

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –DEPUTIES RESPOND TO EARLY MORNING SHOOTING INCIDENT**

**[Lancaster, Ohio, March 31, 2014]** On March 30, 2014, at 11:29 p.m., the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from Brenda Gates, age 52, of 4300 Brook Rd., Lancaster, Ohio reporting she had been shot by her husband. While deputies were responding, John Gates then called reporting his wife had pulled a gun on him and they had been arguing. Deputies entered the home and found Brenda Gates in an upstairs bedroom with injuries from the shooting. She was treated and transported to OSU hospital by Med Flight. The home was then secured and detectives were notified to the scene. The Bureau of Criminal Investigation was called to assist in processing the crime scene.

Detectives have arrested John W. Gates, 52, 4300 Brook Rd., Lancaster and charged him with Felonious Assault (F2), punishable by up to 10 years in prison and \$15,000 fine and one count of Domestic Violence (M1), punishable up to 180 days in prison and \$1,000 fine. Detectives are continuing their investigation into this incident.

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