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**FORMER DAYTON MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON FOR FAILING  
TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER**  
*Moved to California in 2009*

DAYTON – Lawrence William Yancey, 43, of Los Angeles, California and formerly of Dayton, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 24 months imprisonment for failing to register as a sex offender. He was also sentenced to serve the rest of his life under court supervision.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Interim United States Marshal Cathy Jones announced the sentence handed down today by U.S. District Judge Walter H. Rice.

According to court documents, Yancey was convicted in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court in October 2004 of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment and ordered to register as a sex offender after his prison time. Under the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), which is part of the Adam Walsh Act passed by Congress in 2008, Yancey was required to register as a sex offender for 25 years after his conviction and verify his registration every 180 days.

Sometime Between June 26, 2009 and August 13, 2009, Yancey moved to California and failed to notify Montgomery County authorities. On August 18, 2009, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for Yancey for failure to update and notify of his change of residence. The case was also referred to the U.S. Marshals Service for consideration of apprehension and federal prosecution. U.S. Marshals opened an investigation and were able to apprehend Yancey in California. Yancey was then brought back to Dayton to face federal failure to register charges. Once back in Ohio, Yancey was also charged and convicted of sexual battery in Montgomery County, charges which triggered his flight from Ohio to California. Yancey pleaded guilty on January 15, 2010 to one count of failure to register as a sex offender in federal court.

Judge Rice ordered Yancey to serve 12 months of his federal sentence concurrently to his state prison time and the other 12 months after he concludes his time in state prison.

Stewart commended Assistant U.S. Attorney and Dayton Branch Chief Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case, and the cooperative investigation by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals Service.

The Adam Walsh Act provides federal criminal penalties for a knowing failure to register or update. The Adam Walsh Act also provides for the use of federal law enforcement resources,

including the U.S. Marshals Service, to assist the states in locating and apprehending non-compliant sex offenders.

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