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Subject:	COLUMBUS MAN INDICTED FOR FELONIOUS ASSAULT		
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(WESTERVILLE, Ohio) – A Columbus man has been indicted for felonious assault for engaging in sexual conduct with a Westerville woman while knowingly carrying the HIV virus.

The 39 year-old woman reported she began a relationship with Thorsha Cartharn, 39, in February. In late April, the woman took Cartharn to the hospital for an illness and later became suspicious of the prescription medications in his possession. After researching the medications, she associated their use with the treatment of HIV. The woman contacted the Columbus Health Department for testing and the Westerville Division of Police (WPD) to begin an investigation.

Based on the results of their investigation, WPD issued a warrant for Cartharn’s arrest. He was arrested on June 12, 2017 and remains at the Franklin County Correctional Facility.

“This is a sensitive topic, but our primary concern is for the public welfare, this victim and potentially other victims,” said Investigations Lt. Charles Chandler.

Anyone who believes they may have been involved with Cartharn since 2015 is encouraged to contact the Westerville Division of Police Investigations tipline at (614) 901-6866 or tipline@westerville.org.

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