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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Kayla Allbaugh Gets Three Years Mandatory Prison

ATHENS, OHIO—December 12, 2013— Athens County Prosecuting Attorney Keller Blackburn announced today that Kayla Allbaugh was sentenced to a three (3) year mandatory prison term.

Kayla Allbaugh, age 21, of Nelsonville, Ohio appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 and entered a guilty plea to two (2) felony counts in two separate cases:

- 1. One (1) count of Tampering with Evidence; a third degree felony.
- 2. One (1) count of Possession of Heroin; a second degree felony.

Judge L. Alan Goldsberry sentenced Kayla Allbaugh to three (3) years of mandatory prison and a \$7500 mandatory fine for the Possession of Heroin. For Tampering with Evidence, Allbaugh was sentenced to five (5) years of Community Control with a three (3) year underlying sentence which she will serve upon her release.

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn says, "Heroin use is still a prevalent problem in Athens County and the state of Ohio. My office is continuing to punish offenders who abuse the drug and spread the addiction, while trying to treat addicts who are seeking help. Three (3) years of mandatory prison time is a significant sentence and shows offenders there is a line in the sand, get help or end up spending years away from your friends and family."

Anyone needing help for addiction can contact HRS at 1-888-475-8484.

These cases were investigated by the Athens Police Department and the Athens County Sheriff's Office.