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PRESS RELEASE

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The Body Recovered Is Paul E. Roberts

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn reports that the body which was recovered at 68 Locust Street in Glouster, the evening of Monday, October 21, 2013 has been identified as (63) sixty- three year old, Paul E. Roberts. Paul E. Roberts is the father of forty year old (40) Paul J. Roberts.

Paul J. Roberts is currently being housed at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail on a fifth degree Felony charge of Vandalism. The ACPO has filed an arrest warrant for Paul J. Roberts to be detained at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail and a bond of \$100,000 for his pending Felony cases. He is scheduled for sentencing on those cases on November 4th, 2013.

Ronda Degarmore (Paul J. Roberts' girlfriend) remains in custody on a probation violation.

Blackburn reports that the coroner's preliminary ruling of Paul E. Roberts' cause of death is blunt force trauma.

The investigation began on the evening of Friday, October 18, 2013, when the Glouster Police Department responded to a report of vandalism at 68 Locust Street in Glouster. While on the scene, Glouster Police arrested Paul J. Roberts, age 40, and charged him with one (1) count of Vandalism, which is a Felony of the fifth degree and booked him in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail.

Saturday, October 19, 2013 the Glouster Police Department with the assistance of the Athens County Prosecutor's Office, and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Identification

began investigating the whereabouts of Paul E. Roberts, the resident of 68 Locust Street, Glouster, Ohio.

Search warrants were executed on Saturday, October 19, 2013 and again on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 68 Locust Street, Glouster, Ohio. The Athens County Prosecutors Office, the BCI, The Glouster Police Department, Athens Police Department, Athens Fire Department and Ohio University Police Department all assisted in the search and Monday evening a body was recovered from a well underneath the back porch of the 68 Locust Street residence.

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn says the case is still under investigation and will be presented to Grand Jury on October 28, 2013.