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Rhonda Degarmore Pleads Guilty and Agreed to Testify Against Paul Roberts

Rhonda Degarmore appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 and entered a guilty plea to three (3) felony counts:

1. One (1) count of Theft; a fifth degree felony.
2. One (1) count of Receiving Stolen Property; a fifth degree felony.
3. One (1) count of Obstructing Justice; a third degree felony.

Judge L. Alan Goldsberry sentenced Degarmore to a four (4) year and eleven (11) month prison term. Upon prison release Degarmore must report to a community based correction facility.

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn says, “Rhonda Degarmore pled guilty to stealing the deceased Paul E. Roberts credit card and using it. Degarmore also pled guilty to Obstructing Justice in the death of Paul E. Roberts. Degarmore was sentenced to four (4) years and eleven (11) months in prison. Upon prison release she must report to a community based correction facility. Degarmore agreed to testify truthfully against her husband, Paul J. Roberts, in connection to the murder of her father-in-law, Paul E. Roberts. There will be no other charges brought against Degarmore, unless forensic evidence ties her to the death of Paul E. Roberts or the concealment of his body.”

This case was investigated by the Glouster Police Department with the assistance of The Athens County Prosecutors Office, BCI, Athens Police Department, Athens Fire Department and the Ohio University Police Department.