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## **Vance Johnson Sent to Prison for Eight Years**

ATHENS, OHIO—November 18, 2013— Athens County Prosecuting Attorney Keller Blackburn today announced that Vance Johnson will spend eight (8) years in prison.

Vance Johnson, age 33, of Nelsonville, Ohio appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry and pled guilty to two (2) counts of Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol, third degree felonies, one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a third degree felony, and one (1) count of Endangering Children, a first degree misdemeanor. Johnson received a six (6) year prison term on those charges.

Vance Johnson also pled guilty in a second case. He entered a guilty plea to one (1) count of Breaking and Entering, a fifth degree felony, and one (1) count of Possessing Criminal Tools, a fifth degree felony. Judge Goldsberry sentenced him to two (2) years in prison on those charges, which are to run consecutive to the six (6) years, for a total sentence of eight (8) years in prison.

Prosecutor Blackburn says, "Vance Johnson was caught breaking into a storage building at the 33 Carryout in Nelsonville in April of this year. July of 2013, Johnson was pulled over for a traffic violation and was cited for OVI and driving under a suspended license while having his minor son in the vehicle, the officer released Johnson from custody. Just two days later, Johnson was arrested for OVI again."

These cases were investigated by the Nelsonville Police Department.