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Paul J. Roberts Pled Not Guilty

Paul J. Roberts appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on Monday, November 04, 2013 and entered a Not Guilty Plea to nine (9) Felony counts:

1. One (1) count of Aggravated Murder; a Special Felony.
2. One (1) count of Murder; a Special Felony.
3. One (1) count of Gross Abuse of a Corpse; a fifth degree Felony.
4. One (1) count of Tampering with Evidence; a third degree Felony.
5. One (1) count of Intimidation of an Attorney, Victim, or Witness in a Criminal Case; a third degree Felony.
6. One (1) count of Grand Theft of a Vehicle; a fourth degree Felony.
7. One (1) count of Theft; a fifth degree Felony.
8. One (1) count of Theft of an Elderly Person or Disabled Adult; a fourth degree Felony.
9. One (1) count of Vandalism; a fifth degree Felony.

Roberts also entered a plea of not guilty to another indictment charging him for one (1) count of Prohibited Acts Involving Certificates of Title, an Unclassified Felony.

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn says, "The State was ready to proceed with sentencing today on Robert's other four cases, but the Defendant wanted more time. The State requested that a bond of \$1 million dollars be set but the Court set the bond at \$950,000 for both cases. The State will oppose on the four old cases and will request that Paul J. Roberts be sentenced to 6 ½ years in prison. On the new indictments, Roberts is facing Life in Prison without parole."

Paul J. Roberts is accused of murdering his father Paul E. Roberts, age 63 and putting his body in a well under the porch at 68 Locust Street, Glouster, which was the deceased's resident. Roberts is also accused of stealing his father's 2004 Jeep Liberty, John Deere riding lawnmower, and credit card.

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.