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MAJOR DRUG DEALER ARRESTED IN COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY ATHENS COUNTY PROSECUTOR AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

ATHENS, Ohio – Derek James Gyure, 26, of Glouster was arrested last night following a four car chase through the Glouster area. Gyure, who was armed with a .40 caliber Glock handgun at the time of his arrest, was seen to have tossed a green ammunition box into the brush. The box was recovered and found to contain approximately 1,400 tablets that are believed to be Oxycodone 30 mg pills with a street value of \$42,000. The box also contained approximately \$17,000 in cash.

Gyure is charged with an F1 felony for Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity; an F1 felony for Possession of Drugs; an F2 felony for Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs; an F3 felony for Tampering with Evidence; and an F3 felony for Possession of Weapons Under a Disability.

It is believed that Gyure is the supplier for multiple Glouster-area drug dealers, including Casey Metcalf who was recently arrested on three F2 counts for Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs and two F3 counts of Trafficking in Drugs.

At a bond hearing this morning, the Athens County Municipal Court imposed a \$750,000 bond. The State of Ohio acting through the Athens County Prosecutor's Office is seeking forfeiture of Gyure's home, vehicle and multiple weapons that were found in his home.

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn called Gyure's arrest, "A significant accomplishment in our community justice mission to take out the dealers and treat the addicted." Athens County Sheriff Rodney Smith added, "Without the cooperative efforts of law enforcement working together, this would not have been possible. Drug dealers should be put on notice – stop dealing in drugs, get the treatment you need, or suffer the consequences."

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