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Roberts Sentenced to Life in Prison for the Murder of his Father

Paul J. Roberts, 41, of Glouster, appeared on April 30, 2014, for the purpose of a pretrial hearing. Roberts changed his plea to guilty on an indictment charging one (1) count of Prohibited Acts Involving Certificates of Title, an unclassified felony, in case number 13CR0423, and one (1) count of Aggravated Murder, an unclassified felony, one (1) count of Murder, an unclassified felony, one (1) count of Gross Abuse of a Corpse, a felony of the fifth degree, one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree, one (1) count of Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, a felony of the fourth degree, one (1) count of Theft, a felony of the fifth degree, one (1) count of Theft from the Elderly, a felony of the fourth degree, and one (1) count of Vandalism, a felony of the fifth degree, in case number 13CR0425.

The Court sentenced Roberts to life in prison for the aggravated murder of his father Paul E. Roberts. The Court informed Roberts that his first eligibility for a hearing in front of the parole board would be after twenty (20) years. The State will oppose any attempt at parole.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that “Paul J. Roberts murdered his father, Paul E. Roberts, and put his body in a well under the porch of 68 Locust Street in Glouster. Roberts also stole his father’s 2004 Jeep Liberty, John Deere riding lawnmower, and credit card.”

This case was investigated by the Athens County Prosecutor’s Office, Glouster Police Department, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio University Police Department, and the Athens Police Department.