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Multiple Drug Offender Sentenced To Prison Term

Steven Ray Spears, Jr., 27, of Summit Street, Glouster, Ohio, appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on January 29, 2014. Spears previously entered pleas of guilty in case number 11CR0179 to two counts of Complicity to Aggravated Trafficking and one (1) count of Complicity to Trafficking; and in case number 12CR0151 to one (1) count of Failure to Appear. Spears also pled on this date to two Bills of Information, case number 14CR0040 for one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, and 14CR0041 to one (1) count of Possession of Cocaine. Judge Goldsberry sentenced Spears to a total of four (4) years and eleven (11) months in the State Penal System. Upon release from incarceration, Spears must enter the SEPTA Center in Nelsonville or another Community Based Correctional Facility. Spears is also subject to a one (1) year driver's license suspension.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that "in case number 11CR0179, on December 7, 2010, Spears was complicit in the sale of Cocaine and Oxycodone to another individual; in case number 12CR0151 on November 17, 2011, Spears did fail to appear for a hearing in the Court of Common Pleas; in 14CR0040 on May 8, 2012, Spears was found to be in possession of Heroin; and in case number 14CR0041, on November 19, 2013, Spears was found to be in possession of a metal pipe, found to contain Cocaine.

The '11 case was investigated by the Athens County Narcotics Enforcement Team, the '12 case was investigated by the Athens County Prosecutor's Office and the '14 cases were investigated by the Glouster Police Department.