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### ***ARRAIGNMENTS HELD FOR REMAINING TWO INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED AS RESULT OF JOINT OPERATION***

On May 12, 2014, it was announced that five (5) individuals had been indicted for racketeering charges for drug conspiracy. Bert C. Sharrer, Bert Sharrer Jr. and Kendra Sharrer were all arraigned on May 13, 2014. The elder Sharrer received a \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) with no 10% allowed bond, while Sharrer Jr. and Kendra Sharrer both received bonds in the amount of \$800,000.00 (eight hundred thousand dollars) with no 10% allowed. All three individuals remain incarcerated at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail.

Today, Derek Gyure and John Casey Metcalf appeared in Court for their arraignments.

Derek James Gyure, 26, of Glouster, entered a plea of not guilty to an indictment charging one (1) count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the first degree, one (1) count of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a felony of the first degree, three (3) counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, felonies of the second degree, one (1) count of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a felony of the third degree, one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree, one (1) count of Having Weapons While Under Disability, a felony of the third degree, one (1) count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree and one (1) count of Possessing criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree. Bond was set \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) with no 10% allowed. Jury trial was scheduled for July 15, 2014.

John Casey Metcalf, 22, of Glouster, entered a plea of not guilty to an indictment charging three (3) counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, felonies of the second degree, one (1) count of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a felony of the third degree, one (1) count of Possession of Marihuana, a felony of the fifth degree, one (1) count of Having Weapons While Under Disability,

a felony of the third degree, one (1) count of Possessing criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree and one (1) count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree. Bond was set \$850,000.00 (eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars) with no 10% allowed. Jury trial was scheduled for July 15, 2014.

These arrests are the result of a joint operation between the Athens County Prosecutor's Office, the Athens County Sheriff's Office, the Athens Police Department and the Ohio University Police Department to shut down an area drug ring that extends from Athens County through Columbus to the Detroit area.