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Detroit King Pin Taken Into Custody in Athens, OH

ATHENS, OH – This morning at 12:03 a.m., former Detroit Police Officer Brandon Jorge Allen was booked into the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail in Athens County after being transported from Atlanta by two deputies of the Athens County Sheriff's Office.

Allen is scheduled to be arraigned in the Athens County Common Pleas Court on Monday, August 11th at 1 p.m. The twelve count indictment against him includes multiple counts of aggravated drug trafficking; one count of aggravated possession of drugs; and one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity. Following a series of drug arrests in Athens County over the last several months, investigators from the Athens County Prosecutor's Office followed a series of leads which led them to the Detroit source of the drug pipeline into Athens County.

"Allen's arrival in Athens should send a strong message to drug dealers, no matter where they are," said Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn. "We may be a small county in Appalachia, but our community is committed to fighting back against those who seek to profit by promoting drug abuse and addiction in our region."

"I want to thank the many committed law enforcement officers who helped make this arrest possible," said Athens County Sheriff Rodney Smith. "We've had incredible cooperation from law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels, and not just in Ohio. And I'm thankful for the efforts of the dedicated officers of the Athens County Sheriff's Office, two of whom left at 2 a.m. to travel to Atlanta to bring Brandon Allen to Athens County."

The arrest resulted from the largest investigation in Athens County history. It involved the issuance of dozens of subpoenas and search warrants, on-the-ground intelligence gathering in Detroit, South Carolina and Ohio, the examination of hundreds of hours of jail phone calls, monitoring social media activities, examination of public records and business records, phone records, and interviews with offenders and confidential informants.

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