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Leader of Glouster Drug Ring Sentenced to 10 Mandatory Years in Prison

Dereck James Gyure, 26, of Glouster, appeared today before Athens County Common Pleas Judge George McCarthy and pled guilty to all sixteen counts in the indictment filed against him on July 10, 2014. Mr. Gyure received a sentence of 10 mandatory years in prison followed by 5 years of community control on his release. Under his sentence, if Mr. Gyure violates the conditions of his community control following his release from prison, he is subject to an additional 10 years in prison. In addition, the state filed for forfeiture of Mr. Gyure's house, located at 13 Spring Street in Glouster, which was the base of his drug operation. The state also filed for forfeiture of \$18,087.00 seized from Mr. Gyure in addition to a 2002 Ford Explorer and numerous firearms.

"Mr. Gyure was a major player in drug trafficking here in Athens County," said Prosecutor Keller Blackburn. "He played a key role in the transporting and distributing the drugs that came into our region from Detroit. Today marks a significant milestone in shutting down that pipeline, but our work is not done. The investigation is on-going."

Mr. Gyure pled guilty to the following sixteen counts contained in the indictment: one (1) count of F1 Aggravated Possession of Drugs; one (1) count of F1 Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs; three (3) counts of F2 Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs; one (1) count of F3 Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs; one (1) count of F3 Tampering with Evidence; one (1) count of F3 Having Weapons While Under Disability; one (1) count of F1 Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity; one (1) count of F5 Possessing Criminal Tools; one (1) count of F3 Money Laundering; one (1) count of F3 Tampering with Evidence; one (1) count of F5 Possession of Criminal Tools; one count of F2 Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana; one (1) count of F3 Endangering of Children; and one (1) count of F3 Intimidation of an Attorney, Victim or Witness in a Criminal Case.