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PRESS RELEASE

From: Keller J. Blackburn, Athens County Prosecuting Attorney
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A joint operation between the Athens County Sheriff's Office and the Athens County Prosecutor's Office has led to the arrest of George Spears in Glouster, Ohio. Mr. Spears was arrested on a warrant for a bond violation. Additional charges against Mr. Spears may be presented to a future grand jury in relation to Heroin.

The home of Megan Vore and Anthony Spears was searched as part of the investigation.

Both Anthony Spears and Megan Vore were charged with Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fifth degree and have posted bond according to the Athens County Municipal Court bond schedule.

Sheriff Smith stated he was "pleased with the work that his office and the Prosecutor's Office did in arresting George Spears. Since Mr. Spears is currently under indictment, I am hopeful the court will hold him in custody as he has continued his criminal activity."

Prosecutor Blackburn said he was “grateful to his Investigators and Deputies who worked throughout the night to make the arrest of George Spears and conduct a search warrant.”

The investigation into these matters continues and additional charges may be presented to Athens County grand jury following BCI lab results.

Prosecutor Blackburn further commented, that “while law-enforcement continues to make strides to combat the drug epidemic, people continue to deal drugs and people continue to get addicted. Those searching for help for their addiction can call the Prosecutor’s Office at 740-592-3208 and speak to John Haseley or Jay Barrett. The Prosecutor’s Office will attempt to get anyone the help they seek.

Sheriff Smith added “my office will continue to dedicate resources to go seek out those who spread addiction in our community.”

This investigation was assisted by the Glouster Police Department and Athens County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Ryder and handler Deputy Kulchar.