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PRESS RELEASE

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**Athens County Prosecuting Attorney Keller J. Blackburn
and Athens County Acting Sheriff Rodney Smith to Offer Trimble Tomcat
Bridgebuilders Community Prevention Grant**

Athens County Prosecuting Attorney Keller Blackburn and Athens County Acting Sheriff Rodney Smith are pleased to announce that they will each present \$250.00 to the Trimble Tomcat Bridgebuilders.

These funds will come from each office's Law Enforcement Trust Fund. As part of the Prosecutor's Office Fresh Start Initiative, Prosecutor Blackburn aims to fight the drug epidemic at the point of demand. The Prosecutor's Office has donated to the Bridgebuilders in the past and is pleased with the work that they continue to do for the community.

Prosecutor Blackburn states that "Trimble Tomcat Bridgebuilders work closely with our youth to educate them in the dangers of drug abuse. The drug epidemic is a supply and demand problem and today we take a step forward in reducing future demand."

Acting Sheriff Smith states that "I am glad that some of the funds obtained through forfeitures of those who chose to commit crimes can be shared with a program with such great goals. The Trimble Tomcat Bridgebuilders do great things for our community."

Kathy Trace, President of the Trimble Tomcat Bridgebuilders states that "On behalf of Trimble

Tomcat Bridgebuilders, I would like to thank the Prosecutor's Office and the Sheriff's Office for supporting the Bridgebuilders and our mission. These funds help with community projects such as community improvement and leadership projects which engage our youth. We have a leadership project going on at this time and without the support of partners such as Prosecutor Blackburn and Sheriff Smith, these types of projects might not be possible."