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### **Extensive Investigation Leads to Charges Aimed at Eliminating the Flow of Drugs into Athens County**

The Athens County Prosecutor's Office, Athens Major Crimes Unit, Hocking Major Crimes Unit, Glouster Police Department, Athens County Sheriff's Office, Athens County 9-1-1, Perry County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), have taken another huge step in stopping the flow of drugs into Athens County. Following an extensive investigation, the following individuals have been charged as part of a drug trafficking ring that has been bringing drugs from Columbus, Ohio, to Athens County for quite some time:

**Anthony A. Spears, 35 of State Route 691, Nelsonville, Ohio for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; two (2) counts of Money Laundering, felonies of the third degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the second degree; one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the second; two (2) counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability, felonies of the third degree, three (3) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree; four (4) counts of Possessing Criminal Tools, felonies of the fifth degree; one (1) count of Operating a Vehicle with Hidden Compartment, a felony of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; and one (1) count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the fifth degree.

**Megan D. Vore, also known as Megan D. Spears, 25, of State Route 691, Nelsonville, Ohio for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; two (2) counts of Money Laundering, felonies of the third degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the second degree; one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the second degree;

one (1) count of Having Weapons While Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; three (3) count of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the third degree; four (4) counts of Possessing Criminal Tools, felonies of the fifth degree; one (1) count of Operating a Vehicle with Hidden Compartment, a felony of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the second degree and one (1) count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the fifth degree.

**Kevin A. Degarmore, 22, of Glouster, Ohio, currently in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail, for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; four (4) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fifth degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the third degree and one (1) count of Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree.

**Robert Degarmore, 53, of Old State Route 78, Glouster, Ohio, currently in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail, for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; three (3) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the third degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fifth degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree; and one (1) count of Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree.

**Ronnie Degarmore, 51, of Old State Route 78, Glouster, Ohio, currently in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail, for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; four (4) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the third degree; one (1) count of Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree; and one (1) count of Obstructing Justice, a felony of the third degree.

**Richard E. Losey, 36, of Oakdale Road, Glouster, Ohio, taken into custody today, for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree; and one (1) count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the second degree.

**Patricia Nichole Vore, 29, taken into custody today, for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the third degree; one (1) count of Possessing Criminal

Tools, a felony of the fifth degree; one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the second degree; and two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree.

**Amy Beth Degarmore, also known as Amy Beth Sawyers and Amy Beth Morris, 33, of Fairlawn Avenue, Glouster, Ohio for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; and one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree.

**John “Michael” Losey, 31, taken into custody today, for:**

Two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the third degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree and one (1) count of Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree.

**Cary A. Losey, also known as Cary A. Spears, 39, taken into custody today, for:**

One (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; two (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, felonies of the fifth degree; one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin a felony of the fourth degree; and one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the third degree.

**Kelly Marie Cox, 44 of Old State Route 78, Glouster, Ohio, taken into custody today, for:**

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.

**Jeffrey W. Degarmore, 49, currently incarcerated at the Southeastern Correctional Complex, Hocking Unit for:**

One (1) count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree.

**Leesha M. Santek, 28, currently incarcerated at the Ohio Reformatory for Women for:**

one (1) count of Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree.

At the time of this release, and as noted above, ten (10) of these individuals are in custody.

Prosecutor Blackburn states that, “This is primarily a heroin trafficking ring in our area which has recently introduced cocaine. The investigation into this ring, shows that it has existed since before 2011. As Prosecutor, my office will continue to follow the drugs back to the source and uncover all individuals involved.”

Director of Secret Service Jay Barrett led the investigation with the assistance of Secret Service Agents Katusin, McKnight and Kittle. Many officers were involved with the investigation with

special thanks to Chuck Haegele, Mike Swearingen, Chris Hock, Alex Brown, Trent Woodgeard, Caleb Moritz and Chief Ryan Nagucki.

If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of Anthony A. Spears, Megan D. Vore, also known as Megan D. Spears or Amy Beth Degarmore, also known as Amy Beth Sawyers and Amy Beth Morris please contact the Athens County Sheriff's Office at (740) 593-6633.