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Megan D. Vore, also known as Megan D. Spears, 25, of Nelsonville, Ohio, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang and entered a change of plea to guilty. Judge Lang accepted Vore's plea and found her guilty of **Count One**, one (1) count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity; **Counts Two, Three, Fifty-Four and Fifty-Five**, four (4) counts of Money Laundering; **Count Four, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twenty-Four and Forty-One**, seven (7) counts of Trafficking in Heroin; **Count Five, Twelve, Thirty-Five and Forty-Two**, four (4) counts of Possession of Heroin; **Count Seven**, one (1) count of Having Weapons While Under Disability; **Counts Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen and Sixteen**, four (4) counts of Possessing Criminal Tools; **Count Seventeen**, one (1) count of Operating a Vehicle with a Hidden Compartment Used to Transport a Controlled Substance; **Count Thirty-Four**, one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence; **Count Thirty-Six, Thirty-Nine and Sixty-One**, three (3) counts of Possession of Cocaine;

Judge Lang sentenced Vore to a total of fourteen (14) years in the State Penal System. Additionally, upon her release from prison, Vore will complete five (5) years of community control and be subject to an underlying prison term of seventy-two (72) months should she fail to abide by the terms and conditions of supervision. Vore will testify against all co-defendants, indicted or not yet indicted.

Megan Vore is the tenth individual to be convicted and sentenced in this drug ring. Amy Beth Degarmore, aka Amy Beth Morris, aka Amy Beth Sawyers was sentenced to eighteen (18) months prison; Leesha Santek was sentenced to five (5) years of community control; John E. Rutter was sentenced to four (4) years prison; Ronnie Degarmore was sentenced to two (2) years prison; Patricia Nichole Vore was sentenced to three (3) years prison; John "Michael" Losey sentenced to ten (10) years prison; Gerald W. Hammon Jr. was sentenced to five (5) years community control; Cary A. Losey was sentenced to five (5) years community control; and Kelly Marie Cox was sentenced to five (5) years of community control.

Anthony A. Spears, Robert A. Degarmore, Kevin A. Degarmore, Jeffrey W. Degarmore and Richard E. Losey all have cases pending.

Prosecutor Blackburn commented, "Megan Vore is another sad story of a young woman who turned to opiates and that addition led to her becoming a large scale drug dealer. She is now facing a severe penalty for her poor choice. I would encourage anyone struggling with opiate addiction to contact our office at (740) 592-3208 to discuss enrollment in the Vivitrol Program."