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DEGARMORE IS SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS IN PRISON

ATHENS, Ohio – Robert A. Degarmore, 53, of Glouster, Ohio, currently incarcerated, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang on January 26, 2016, and entered a change of plea to guilty.

Judge Lang accepted Degarmore's plea and found him guilty to the following; **Count One**, one (1) count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree (F1); **Count Eighteen**, one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree (F4); **Count Nineteen**, one (1) count of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree (F3); **Count Twenty**, one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the fifth degree (F5); **Count Twenty-One**, one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the fifth degree (F5); **Count Twenty-Three**, one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the third degree (F3); **Count Twenty-Four**, one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the third degree (F3); **Count Twenty-Five**, one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the third degree (F3); **Count Twenty-Six**, one (1) count of Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree (F4); **Count Twenty-Seven**, one (1) count of Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree (F5).

Judge Lang sentenced Degarmore to four (4) years in the State Penal System for Trafficking in Heroin. Upon his release from prison, Degarmore will begin five (5) years of community control, and enter into the Athens County Prosecutor's Vivitrol Program, with an underlying prison term of 5 years should he violate the terms and conditions of the community control.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that "Mr. Degarmore turned his need for heroin into the spreading of addiction in the Trimble Township community. He is going to serve a significant sentence for spreading addiction and will hopefully treat his addiction upon his release."