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ATHENS, Ohio – Tammy L. Rutter, 33, and Roger E. Rutter, 45, both of Glouster, Ohio, both appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang on February 22, 2016, and entered changes of plea to guilty to charges related to allowing the abuse of Heroin in their home, ultimately leading to the death of Mackinsey Roberts, age 27, who did die of an overdose at their residence on April 27, 2015.

Judge Lang sentenced Roger Rutter to a total prison term of two (2) years and Tammy Rutter to a total prison term of three (3) years for both cases.

Prosecutor Keller Blackburn states that “Heroin is destroying too many lives in our country. Any use can end tragically. I am proud of the work of my investigators, sheriff’s detectives and First Assistant Meg Saunders to get justice for the Roberts’ family. We will continue to treat addiction, while fighting the spread of this epidemic.”

The Roberts’ family was in agreement with the resolution as they are looking for closure.

Individuals struggling with an opiate addiction are encouraged to contact the Athens County Prosecutor’s Office at (740) 592-3208 and we will help.

This case was investigated by the Athens County Sheriff’s Office and the Athens County Prosecutor’s Office.