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ATHENS, Ohio – Robert J. Johnson, 18, of Glouster, Ohio, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on March 23, 2016, and entered a change of plea to guilty to an indictment charging two (2) counts of Felonious Assault, felonies of the second degree, one (1) count of Vandalism, a felony of the fifth degree, and one (1) count each of Criminal Damaging or Endangering and Cruelty to Animals, both misdemeanors of the second degree.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that, “On December 13, 2015, Robert Johnson purposefully crashed his vehicle into the victim's parked vehicle, causing it to crash into the garage that the victim was living in. Johnson also stole a dog, belonging to another individual, and stabbed it to death.”

Judge McCarthy sentenced Johnson to a total prison term of four (4) years. Upon his release from prison, Johnson will be required to complete a Community Based Correctional Facility program, receive a drug and alcohol assessment, pay restitution to the victim, and be subject to three (3) years of mandatory post-release control, as well as five (5) years of community control.

This case was investigated by the Glouster Police Department.