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**ATHENS, Ohio –**

Brittany Eckert, 26, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang on May 19, 2016, and entered a plea of guilty to one (1) count of Conspiracy to Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the third degree.

Eckert was placed on the Athens County Prosecutor's A.C.E. program for a period of two (2) years.

Cassie Rose, 30, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang on May 20, 2016, and entered a plea of guilty to one (1) count of Conspiracy to Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the third degree.

Rose was placed on the Athens County Prosecutor's A.C.E. program for a period of two (2) years.

These resolutions come after an extensive investigation into a Columbus heroin ring involving Eric Jordan Miller. Kristin Smith, 26, of Delaware previously entered a plea of guilty to one (1) count of Conspiracy and entered the Athens County Prosecutor's A.C.E. program. Lindsey Roach, 24, of Syracuse, Ohio, previously entered a plea of guilty to Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, in addition to other charges and entered the Athens County Prosecutor's A.C.E. program.

Eric Jordan Miller, 36, has a fourteen (14) count indictment pending. A pre-trial hearing is schedule before Judge George P. McCarthy on May 25, 2016.

Prosecutor Blackburn stated that, "Eric Miller is accused of manipulating multiple women into carrying on his criminal enterprise. Along with the individuals mentioned that have been given the opportunity at the A.C.E. program almost a dozen others are receiving treatment through my Vivitrol program. We continue to fight this epidemic at both the supply and demand side treating addiction while punishing those who spread it."

The original investigation was conducted by the Athens County Prosecutor's Office Investigators with assistance of the Meigs-Gallia County Task Force, Fairfield-Hocking-Athens Major Crimes. Other agencies that have provided assistance in this matter include the Columbus Police Department, the Licking-Perry Task Force, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.