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**ATHENS, Ohio** – John Michael Fults-Ganey, 21, currently incarcerated in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail, appeared before Judge Patrick J. Lang on July 20, 2016, for the purpose of entering a plea. Fults-Ganey entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging Involuntary Manslaughter and Conspiracy.

Judge Lang sentenced Fults-Ganey to three (3) years in the State Penal System. Upon release, Fults-Ganey will begin five (5) years of community control supervision.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that, “On May 26, 2016, Fults-Ganey is accused of driving Markel J. Morrison to a residence on North McKinley Avenue in Athens, Ohio, with the intent to rob the residents of one of the apartments. Morrison was ultimately shot and killed by one of the occupants of the apartment.”

The Athens Police Department continues to investigate the incident and others may be charged.

This case was investigated by the Athens Police Department, BCI&I, the Major Crimes Task Force and the Athens County Prosecutor’s Office.