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ATHENS, Ohio – Eric Jordan Miller, 37, currently incarcerated in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail, appeared before Judge George P. McCarthy on October 25, 2016, and entered a change of plea to guilty to a total of fourteen (14) counts, including Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree; Trafficking and Possession of Heroin, felonies of the first degree; two (2) counts of Money Laundering, felonies of the third degree; and several other drug related offenses.

Judge McCarthy sentenced Miller to a total prison term of sixteen (16) years. Upon release from incarceration, Miller will be subject to five (5) years of mandatory post-release control.

Prosecutor Blackburn reports that, “This conviction marks the end of a long history of Miller, also known as “E”, trafficking drugs from Columbus to Southeastern Ohio. We spent long hours executing search warrants in multiple counties and chasing “E” to his Westerville, Ohio, condo registered under another name. The Athens County Prosecutor’s Office executed a search warrant in Fairfield County and recovered two stolen firearms, both firearms the result of two (2) Franklin County thefts.”

Jay Barrett, Meg Saunders, Glenn Jones, Molly Katusin, Reuben Kittle, Zach Saunders, Tom McKnight, and Prosecutor Blackburn worked over 80 hours the week of March 28, 2016, including over 24 hours straight when Miller was finally arrested.

Prosecutor Blackburn stated “I am blessed to have such an amazing team to fight the drug epidemic that faces our Country. My staff has taken advantage of the opportunities they have had to make a difference in our community. Woody Hayes said ‘you win with people,’ I am honored to have some of the best.

The Athens County Prosecutor’s Office offered several addicts involved in Miller’s operation treatment and Admission to Prosecutor Blackburn’s Vivitrol Program.

This case was investigated by the by the Athens County Prosecutor’s Office. The Prosecutor’s Office would also like to express their appreciation to the Columbus Police Department CRT Zone 3, the Meigs-Gallia County Task Force and the Fairfield-Hocking-Athens Major Crimes for their roles in bringing Miller to justice.