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**MAJOR DETROIT-BASED DRUG TRAFFICKER ARRESTED IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN BY THE
ATHENS COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND U.S. MARSHALL SERVICE**

ATHENS, Ohio – A major multi-state drug trafficker, Bradley McCutchen, age 35, of Detroit, Michigan, was arrested today at his residence by the Athens County Prosecutor's Office, U.S. Marshall Service, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

McCutchen – who has a long history of drug trafficking – has active warrants out of Athens County, Scioto County, for a probation violation that stems from a drug possession conviction, as well as a federal warrant out of Washington, D.C. for selling heroin.

Prosecutor Blackburn states that, "We are once again bringing a Detroit resident to Athens County to answer for their crimes against our community. It is believed that McCutchen used associates in Athens to transport large quantities of 30 mg Oxycodone pills from Detroit to Athens and would stay at their home to protect the opioids and then collect the proceeds from the sales."

McCutchen was indicted by the Athens County Grand Jury on Monday April 24, 2017, for Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a felony of the first degree and five counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, two counts of which are felonies of the first degree, one felony of the second degree and two felonies of the third degree.

Investigation by the Athens County Prosecutor's Office began after the Fairfield, Hocking, Athens Major Crimes Unit, assisted by the Athens County Sheriff's Office, arrested McCutchen's Athens-based associates, Jessica Cremeans and Caleb Wilson. The cases were referred to the Prosecutor's Office and Cremeans and Wilson were both indicted by the Athens County Grand Jury. Cremeans was indicted for Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, Aggravated Possession of Drugs and Tampering with Evidence; and Wilson was indicted for Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs and Aggravated Possession of Drugs. The Prosecutor's Office findings to date, have led to charges against four other Athens County residents for their involvement. Additional charges are expected against other individuals.

Prosecutor Blackburn assures that, "The Athens County Prosecutor's Office will continue to follow the drug problem to its source while treating those addicted to the drugs. As a result of this investigation, five addicted individuals are already in the process of getting treatment. The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to call us at (740) 592-3208, before we call you."

If anyone needs help or knows someone that needs help with addiction, please call the Athens County Prosecutor's Office at (740) 592-3208.

Blackburn concluded, "I am lucky to have such a wonderful team who works diligently to make Athens County better."

Special thanks to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, US Marshall Service, Wayne County Sheriff, Chief Investigator Barrett, Investigators Katusin, McKnight and Kittle and Assistant Prosecutor Jones for their work in Detroit.

The Athens County Prosecutor's staff is currently executing a search warrant in Detroit on McCutchen's residence.