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**\$200,000 bond levied against Nelsonville woman charged with escape**

**ATHENS, Ohio** – Kayla Allbaugh, 28, of Nelsonville, was arraigned under a \$200,000 bond without 10 percent posting allowed after appearing in Athens County Common Pleas Court Monday via video from the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail to answer a charge of escape.

Allbaugh pleaded not guilty to the third-degree felony. The prosecution argued for the \$200,000 bond amount and asked Judge George McCarthy to order Allbaugh to wear an ankle monitor should she post bond.

On Jan. 19, Allbaugh was granted a medical furlough from the jail after she intentionally jumped from a second-story railing in an attempt to avoid incarceration. Allbaugh was ordered to return to the jail after receiving medical treatment from a Columbus hospital. She did not return to the jail after being released from the hospital. She was later apprehended in Hocking County.

Allbaugh was being held at the jail originally after violating her bond for a previous fifth-degree felony charge of illegal use of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits or WIC program benefits and violations of community control. As part of her bond conditions on that charge, Allbaugh was to contact both Health Recovery Services and the Athens County Prosecutor's Office's Vivitrol program and failed to do so.

A pre-trial is scheduled for Feb. 24.

