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Press Release

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Re: State of Ohio vs. Wertz, 13-CR-0094

After a three (3) day trial, a jury convicted Kevin Wertz today of the offense of Vehicular Homicide, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Mr. Wertz had crashed a motor vehicle on October 27, 2012 near the Seneca-Sandusky County line and a passenger, twenty (20) year old Jacob Hohman, died as a result of the crash. The jury was unable to return a verdict to the indicted felony charge of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide.

Sentencing is scheduled for Friday December 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Judge Kelbley's court. The maximum sentence that may be imposed is a jail sentence of up to 180 days, a fine of not more than \$1,000, and a mandatory Class Four driver's license suspension. A Class Four Driver's License is a definite period of one to five years.

The State of Ohio was represented at trial by Seneca County Prosecuting Attorney Derek W. DeVine. Defense counsel was Terrence R. Rudes of Port Clinton.