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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: *State of Ohio vs. John R. Smith, Sr.*, Case #12-CR-0190; 12-CR-0213 & *State of Ohio vs. John Martin Fonseca Beck*, Case #12-CR-0212; 12-CR-0216

On Monday February 11, 2013 Judge Steve C. Shuff sentenced John R. Smith, Sr. to a total prison term of ten (10) years for convictions for Complicity to Burglary, Trafficking in Cocaine, Aggravated Possession of Cocaine, and other drug related offenses. Also sentenced on Monday was John Martin Fonseca Beck to a total term of imprisonment of six (6) years at the Ohio Department of Corrections for Aggravated Possession of Drugs, Trafficking in Marijuana, and three counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs.

The Seneca County METRICH Task Force had executed a search warrant at the residence of Smith on August 9, 2012 revealing significant evidence of drug trafficking involving himself and Fonseca Beck. The Burglary involved the night time break-in of a residence on Seventh Avenue in September 19, 2012.

Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine commended the Tiffin Police Department and the METRICH Task Force for their work on this case. "Law enforcement reacted quickly and was able to solve a Burglary and significant drug crimes in a very short period of time." Assistant Prosecutor Brian Boos confirmed that significant restitution to the Burglary victim was able to be made from seized assets based on the quick action of the Tiffin Police Department.