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Press Release

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

Judge Michael P. Kelbley sentenced Kevin Wertz to a sentence of 180 days in the Seneca County Jail, a fine of \$1,000, and a 5 years driver's license suspension for his conviction of the offense of Vehicular Homicide. 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 had returned its verdict on Wednesday.

The State of Ohio was represented at trial by Seneca County Prosecuting Attorney Derek W. DeVine. DeVine commented, "This case was a tragedy. Nobody will ever know if the death of Jacob could have been avoided if 9-1-1 had been called immediately. I'm hopeful that the conclusion of the case allows the family and friends of Mr. Hohman some closure."