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PRESS RELEASE

The Mercer County Prosecuting Attorney's Office confirms that on August 12, 2014, the Mercer County Common Pleas Court accepted the plea of Bryant L. Rhoades, and the Court entered a judgment of conviction and sentenced Rhoades for the murders of Robert Grube and Colleen Grube,

On August 19, 2014 the Mercer County Common Pleas Court also sentenced Trevin M.A. Sanders for the murders of Robert Grube and Colleen Grube,

But today is not a day for celebration. It is a day for contemplation and reflection.

Incredibly selfish criminal acts led to the murders of Robert Grube and his daughter Colleen Grube. The murders are horrific losses to the Grube family, to friends of the Grube family, to the greater rural Ft. Recovery Community, and to all of us.

The perpetrators of these horrific crimes were weak and immoral. Their conduct was outrageous.

The criminal justice system is inadequate when it comes to addressing these sins.

Nothing that law enforcement officers do, that prosecutors do, or that Courts do, can come close to redressing the damage intentionally inflicted upon the victims and their families by these perpetrators.

Hopefully, the resolution of these cases through conviction and sentence can offer the family and friends of Robert and Colleen Grube some sense of finality that will enable them to move forward with their irrevocably changed lives.

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