

## **BROWN COUNTY DRUG & MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE**

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## PRESS RELEASE

The Brown County Drug & Major Crimes Task Force (BCDMCTF) and the Brown County Prosecutor's Office announce the guilty plea and sentencing of Joseph R. Stein on (2) counts of Trafficking in Heroin, both F-2 offenses.

Stein was sentenced to 5 years in the penitentiary on each charge, to run consecutively, along with a \$15,000 mandatory fine. Stein also forfeited three vehicles and \$8,460 in U.S. Currency.

Stein was identified by the BCDMCTF as a major heroin trafficker in Brown County, and after a several months' investigation was arrested and charged. Special thanks to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Mt. Orab PD, and the Brown County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this investigation.

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