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DUO INDICTED AFTER HIGHWAY PURSUIT AND VEHICLE BREAK-IN

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a four-count indictment against 33-year-old Danielle Frost of Orient, Ohio, and 28-year-old Anthony Stepp of Columbus.

Charges come after a parking lot encounter on August 9, 2017. The victim was inside a shop in the Polaris area when she noticed a suspicious vehicle pull in beside her own. The victim exited the shop and observed that her window was broken and her laptop was missing.

"The victim saw her laptop and one male and one female inside the suspect vehicle," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "She yelled for the suspect vehicle to stop, but it exited the parking lot, heading east toward the highway."

Columbus Police were notified, and a good Samaritan followed the suspect vehicle, reporting to CPD its whereabouts as it traveled along interstate 71 to 270.

"A CPD helicopter became involved and the suspects were ultimately apprehended in the Hilliard-Rome Road area," O'Brien said. "The victim's laptop was recovered from where it had been thrown out of the suspect vehicle, and other miscellaneous items were found inside the vehicle that did not belong to either suspect."

Frost and Stepp are charged with tampering with evidence – a third-degree felony, theft – a fifth-degree felony, and two counts of receiving stolen property – both fifth-degree felonies.

Arraignment dates are not yet set.

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RAVENNA COUPLE SENTENCED FOR LEWIS CENTER CEMETERY SCHEME



Theodore and Arminda Martin

Former Fairview Memorial Park owners Theodore and Arminda Martin were sentenced today for selling, but never providing, goods to multiple victims including items such as grave markers, caskets, and vaults.

Theodore Martin, 54, was sentenced to five years in prison. Arminda Martin, 47, was sentenced to four and a half years in prison.

The couple pleaded guilty in October. Theodore Martin pleaded guilty to 14 counts of theft beyond the scope of consent, while Arminda Martin pleaded guilty to 15 counts.

“The Martins took advantage of people when they were especially vulnerable,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Their actions compounded the hurt and difficult emotions families have to process when a loved one is lost.”

The Martins were initially indicted in February 2017 after multiple victims reported they paid for services at Fairview Memorial Park, but had not received anything for their money. At that time there were 54 charges and 44 victims.

As the investigation continued and more victims came to light, the couple was re-indicted in June 2017. The second indictment included 80 charges and 67 victims.

Restitution was ordered in the amount of \$183,261.40.

Fairview Memorial Park in Lewis Center remains under the care of A.C. Strip. As receiver, he oversees the care and maintenance of the cemetery as well as takes any calls of concern or question from the community. Mr. Strip can be reached at (614) 228-6345.

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FORMER OSP LIEUTENANT FOUND GUILTY OF THEFT



W. Elschlager

William P. Elschlager was found guilty of three counts of theft – all third-degree felonies. The verdict was handed down today by Delaware County Common Pleas Judge Everett Krueger, after a one-day bench trial.

Elschlager was indicted in March 2016 after two guns were found in his Marietta home. The firearms were found in connection to a separate investigation. Elschlager, 48, was initially charged in Delaware County with the theft of both guns, but the charges connected to one of the firearms were dismissed.

“The theft charges Mr. Elschlager was found guilty of were affiliated with a gun that had been in evidence during the time he was a patrolman at the Delaware County Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “The gun was catalogued by Mr. Elschlager as having been returned to the owner.”

Since working in Delaware, Elschlager moved to Marietta and served as Lieutenant for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Marietta Post.

“No one is above the law,” said First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. “Mr. Elschlager was a trusted law enforcement officer in Delaware County, and he manipulated that trust to steal a firearm from an evidence locker.”

A sentencing hearing has been set for January 19, 2018 at 3:30 pm.



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CLEANING LADY INDICTED FOR THEFT

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a two-count indictment against 42-year-old Julie Black of Worthington.

Charges come after a November 19, 2017 call to law enforcement.

“A Delaware resident reported some jewelry was missing from the home,” said First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. “An investigation revealed Ms. Black sold the jewelry to a Dublin pawn shop, where it was later recovered.”

Also reported missing were a Rolex and a coin collection.

Black is charged with theft - a third-degree felony, and theft – a fourth-degree felony.

An arraignment date is not yet set.



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FORMER COLUMBUS CHIROPRACTOR SENTENCED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES



Delaware County Common Pleas Judge Everett H. Krueger sentenced David T. Ryan to four years in prison.

The sentence comes after Ryan, 57, was found guilty of forty-three counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor and thirty-seven counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, all second-degree felonies.

“The victims of child pornography continue to suffer serious psychological harm and re-victimization as they get older, knowing predators continue to view and exploit them,” said Assistant Prosecutor Mark Sleeper. “It’s important to stay vigilant in our efforts to prosecute these predators, and I’d like to thank the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children, the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office for their important work on this case.”

Ryan, of Lewis Center, was not immediately taken to prison. The judge granted a post appeal bond of \$350,000.

“An appeal bond is unusual,” said First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. “It means Ryan will not serve his prison sentence until the appeal is concluded.

In addition to his prison sentence, Ryan must register as a Tier II sex offender and serve five years post release control.

Charges were filed against Ryan after AOL reported e-mails found to contain child pornography to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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GEORGIA WOMAN INDICTED FOR FORGERY

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a multi-count indictment against 26-year-old Sabra Marie Williams of Lithonia, Georgia.

Charges come after deputies were dispatched to the Tanger Outlet Mall on June 3, 2017.

“Law enforcement responded to the report of a suspicious person,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “It was discovered that Williams had used fake credit cards to purchase more than \$2,000 worth of products from various retailers including Victoria’s Secret, Nike, Gap, Skechers, Under Armour, and Polo Ralph Lauren.”

Williams is charged with seven counts of forgery – all fifth-degree felonies, and one charge of possessing criminal tools – also a fifth-degree felony.

An arraignment date is not yet set.