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# **Delaware County Man Sentenced For Theft**

Columbus, Ohio – Following a referral from the Ohio Division of Securities and a guilty plea entered for four counts of theft, all felonies of the fourth degree, Bruce Durr, Jr. of Westerville, was sentenced to the Delaware County jail for 30 days and five years community control. Judge Everett H. Krueger also ordered Durr to pay restitution to the victims in the amount of \$69,400 in installments of \$400 per month and further ordered him to perform 240 hours of community service.

If Durr makes the required monthly restitution payment as ordered, the community service hours will be suspended. If the above conditions are not met, Durr could be sentenced for up to six years in jail (18 months for each of the four counts) to run consecutively.

This case was prosecuted by the Office of the Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. The conviction stems from allegations that Durr, Jr. solicited and received \$69,400 from four Ohio residents to invest in The Denture Place, a new company touted as a denture manufacturer.

"Instead of investing the money as promised, Durr, Jr. used the funds for personal expenses," O'Brien said. "The denture company never opened, and investors were not refunded."

"Thanks to the teamwork among the Division of Securities enforcement staff and the Delaware County Prosecutor's office, more Ohioans were prevented from falling victim to Mr. Durr's fraud," said Ohio Division of Securities Commissioner Andrea Seidt. "It's also gratifying to know that – in this case – restitution has been ordered and a plan has been approved to return the money to those who invested in Durr's fictitious company."

# **About the Ohio Division of Securities**

The Ohio Division of Securities (ODS) administers the Ohio Securities Act by licensing securities salespersons, dealers, investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives. The Division also registers securities offered for sale to Ohioans. Additionally, the ODS investigates alleged violations of the Ohio Securities Act and enforces its provisions through administrative actions, civil injunctive actions and criminal prosecutions.

To avoid potential financial fraud, investors are encouraged to call the Division's Investor Protection Hotline at 877-683-7841 before they invest money and ask:

- Is the brokerage firm and salesperson licensed to sell securities in Ohio?
- Have any enforcement actions been taken against them?
- Has the security been properly registered with the Division of Securities?



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# GALLOWAY WOMAN AND PRISON ESCAPEE INDICTED AFTER TRYING TO ELUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT



J. Jarrett

T. Byrd

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a threecount indictment against 38-year-old Jamie Victoria Jarrett of Galloway and 28-year-old prison escapee, Troy B.T. Byrd.

Charges come after Delaware Police received a tip that an escaped inmate from the SEPTA Correctional Facility in Nelsonville was at the London Road

Speedway in Delaware. When authorities located the suspect vehicle, a chase ensued. The chase ended approximately 14-miles away in Union County when the female driver slowed to a stop at the edge of the road.

Jarrett and Byrd are each charged with failure to comply with order or signal of a police officer – a third-degree felony.

Jarrett is further charged with one count of tampering with evidence – a third-degree felony, and obstructing justice – a fifth-degree felony.

An arraignment hearing has not yet been set.

Byrd escaped from the Septa Correctional Facility on April 1, 2017. He had been sentenced to the facility on charges of possession of heroin out of Champaign County.



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## **ILLINOIS MAN INDICTED ON 28 DRUG CHARGES**

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 28-count indictment against 43-year-old Ernest Grady of Illinois.

Charges come after Delaware Police received a call from a local pharmacy on March 17, 2017.

"Employees at the Sandusky Street CVS called law enforcement about a suspicious medical prescription," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "When the pharmacy contacted the doctor for verification, employees were informed the prescription was fake."

Investigators further found Grady had visited five Delaware County pharmacies that day, those being Wal-Mart, CVS, and three Kroger locations. He was seeking Amoxicillin (used to treat infection) and Promethazine with Codeine. The latter is similar to a prescription strength cough syrup, and is sometimes referred to as "syrup."

Grady is charged with three counts of possession of drugs — all fourth-degree felonies, four counts of deception to obtain a dangerous drug — also fourth-degree felonies, four additional counts of deception to obtain a dangerous drug — fifth-degree felonies, eight counts of illegal processing of drug documents — all fifth-degree felonies, eight counts of forgery — fifth-degree felonies, and one count of attempt to commit the offense of deception to obtain a dangerous drug — a fifth-degree felony.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.



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#### FACEBOOK POST

# BOND SET FOR LEWIS CENTER MAN AFTER HIT/SKIP CRASH



A \$100,000 bond was set Monday for 46-year-old Mark Holbrook of Lewis Center.

Holbrook was charged after a January 23, 2017 crash in the area of US 23 and Meadow Park Avenue.

"On scene, law enforcement observed a white 2005 Nissan Maxima SL

with heavy front end damage and deployed air bags," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Two of the three people in the car, a

M. Holbrook mother and child, had sustained serious injuries and were transported for medical care."

Witnesses reported the other vehicle involved in the crash, a gray van, had fled the

"Law enforcement located the 2008 Chevrolet van, and its driver, Mark Holbrook, a short time later at his residence," O'Brien said.

Holbrook is charged with two counts of aggravated vehicular assault - both seconddegree felonies, two additional counts of aggravated vehicular assault - both thirddegree felonies, two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, stopping after an accident on public roads or highways - a fifth-degree felony, and driving under OVI suspension - a first-degree misdemeanor. Holbrook has four previous OVI convictions.

A trial date has been set for June 20, 2017.



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# **NEWARK MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES**

Brent Rardon, 45, was sentenced to a mandatory three years in prison.

Rardon, owner of a supplement shop in Powell, had been selling illegal substances.

He was found guilty of possession of steroids – a second-degree felony and trafficking in steroids – a third-degree felony.

In addition to time in prison, Rardon received three years post release control and a  $$10,000 \; \text{fine}.$ 



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## **GALLOWAY WOMAN'S BOND SET AT \$100,000**



Bond was set at \$100,000 for 38-year-old Jamie V. Jarrett.

Jarrett was indicted April 14, 2017 after she and SEPTA Correctional Facility escapee Troy B.T. Byrd tried to elude law enforcement.

J. Jarrett

The duo led authorities on a chase from Delaware to Union County on April 4, 2017.

Jarrett is charged with failure to comply with order or signal of a police officer – a third-degree felony, tampering with evidence – a third-degree felony, and obstructing justice – a fifth-degree felony.

As a condition of her bond, she is to have no contact with Mr. Byrd, who is also indicted in Delaware County as a result of the April 4 incident.

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Columbus Man Sentenced On Drug Trafficking Charge

Joseph Bennett, 35, was sentenced to ten years in prison after pleading guilty to trafficking in heroin - a second-degree felony, and having weapons while under disability – a third-degree felony.

Bennett was indicted in August 2015 and pleaded guilty in June 2016. Sentencing was set for July 2016, but was delayed after the defendant failed to follow pre-sentence requirements set by the court. He fled, an arrest warrant was issued, and his bond was revoked.

Bennett was arrested in Franklin County in March 2017. He was transported to Delaware County and sentenced Tuesday. In addition to ten years in prison, Bennett also received three years post release control.

