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## **Delaware County Resident Indicted for Securities Fraud**

**Columbus, Ohio** – A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 24-count indictment against 38-year-old Bruce Durr of Westerville.

The indictment stems from allegations that Durr 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, Durr is alleged to have used the funds for personal expenses. The company never opened.

Durr is charged with 12 counts of securities fraud – all third-degree felonies and 12 counts of theft – all fourth-degree felonies.

Charges come after a criminal referral by the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Securities. The indictment spans from September 2014 through January 2015.

Durr was indicted Friday. An arraignment date is not yet set.

This case is being prosecuted by the office of the Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien.

The Division of Securities encourages potential investors to call the Division's Investor Protection Hotline at 877-683-7841 to 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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#### BOND SET IN MURDER CASE

Bond has been set at \$500,000 each for 31-year-old Jermaine Kelly and 27-year-old Reginald Conley, both of Columbus.

Charges come after a November 9, 2012 call to law enforcement.

“A Galena resident contacted authorities reporting that an unknown male was banging on her door, shouting he needed help as a result of being shot,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “The man, identified as 29-year-old Dontee Gervins of Columbus, was transported to Riverside Hospital where he died on November 18 as a result of his injuries.”

A trial date for both has been set for Oct. 18, 2016.



***J. Kelly***

***R. Conley***

FACEBOOK POST: 8.8.16

# MAN SENTENCED TO COMMUNITY CONTROL FOR HIGH-SPEED CHASE

George C. Tiller of North Ridgeville, Ohio has been sentenced to three years of community control for leading authorities on a multi-county high-speed chase in January.

Tiller, 34, will also serve 90 days in jail, have to serve 100 hours of community service, pay \$1,675 in fines, and his license is suspended for seven years.

The high-speed chase went through Cuyahoga, Medina, Wayne, Ashland, Richland, Morrow, and Delaware Counties.

The pursuit ended in Delaware County when Tiller lost control, struck a median cable rail, and fled on foot.



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**REPEAT OVI OFFENDER SENTENCED**



Robert Lee Ellis, 50, has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Ellis, of Columbus, was pulled over April 30, 2016 in the Polaris Parkway/Interstate 71 area. A breath test revealed a BAC of .215, more than twice Ohio's legal limit of .08 percent.

This was his 12<sup>th</sup> OVI. In addition to prison, Mr. Ellis' license will be suspended for three years, and he will pay a \$2,000 fine.

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Former Owner Of Rita's Italian Ice  
Pleads Guilty To Sexually Abusing Young Employees

Danny Bruce Kitsos, 53, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual battery – both third-degree felonies, and one count of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor – also a third-degree felony.

There was a joint recommendation of 4.5 years in prison.

Judge Everett Krueger ordered a presentence investigation be completed before a sentence is given.

Kitsos was indicted on March 25, 2016 after multiple reports to law enforcement that he sexually abused a number of young female employees.

The guilty plea today included admissions to misconduct with three minor females. As a result, Kitsos will be classified as a sex offender.

In addition to entering a guilty plea, Mr. Kitsos waived his right to appeal.

A sentencing hearing has been set for September 28, 2016 at noon.



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### Non U.S. Citizen Sentenced For Drug Trafficking

Jose Garcia-Himenez, 24, was sentenced to 5 years in prison for trafficking in heroin - a second-degree felony.

Previously deported, Garcia-Jimenez returned to the U.S. and was found with 150 heroin balloons in his possession.

He also had in excess of \$2,000 as a result of drug trafficking.

Once his sentence is complete, he will be deported.

