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TWO INDICTED ON OVI CHARGES

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned indictments against 26-year-old Michael Lewis of New Albany and 41-year-old Victor Diaz of Columbus.

In the case of Mr. Lewis, the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a crash involving injuries on State Route 605 on May 25, 2017.

"Prior to the crash, law enforcement received tips from the public that a Dodge Charger was driving recklessly," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "On scene, a Dodge Charger and another vehicle carrying a mother and three small children were involved in a head-on collision."

Lewis, the driver of the Dodge Charger, is charged with two counts of aggravated vehicular assault – third-degree felonies, two counts of vehicular assault – fourth-degree felonies, and two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – first-degree misdemeanors.

In the case of Mr. Diaz, a witness flagged down law enforcement on June 20, 2017 to report a suspected impaired driver who had hit several construction barrels.

Diaz is charged with two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – both fourth-degree felonies. Mr. Diaz has five previous ovi convictions.

"In both instances, there was an odor of alcohol coming from the driver," said O'Brien. "Both had glassy, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech."

Arraignment dates for Lewis and Diaz are not yet set.

The effects of driving under the influence can be devastating. Please make the responsible decision to never get behind the wheel if you're impaired, and if you see an impaired or distracted driver on the road, pull over to a safe place and report it by calling 1-800-GRAB-DUI or #677.



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DUO INDICTED FOR BREAKING INTO VEHICLES

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against 36-year-old Cheryl Klinger of Westerville and 22-year-old Lily Jendrzejak of Columbus.

"Initially law enforcement responded to a call that a wallet had been stolen out of a vehicle parked in a private driveway in Lewis Center," said Delaware County Prosecutor O'Brien. "That wallet, along with other missing items such as cash, medical cards, credit cards, and gift cards, was later found in another vehicle during a traffic stop."

Klinger and Jendrzejak are each charged with two counts of theft – both fifth-degree felonies, and three counts of breaking and entering – also fifth-degree felonies.

"The lesson here is to not leave anything of value in your vehicle," O'Brien said. "Even if you're only going to be away from the vehicle a short time, it's best to leave valuables at home and keep all forms of currency on your person."

Arraignment dates for Klinger and Jendrzejak are not yet set.



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REPEAT OVI OFFENDER SENTENCED AFTER HIT/SKIP CRASH



M. Holbrook

Mark Holbrook, 47, was sentenced to two years in prison for a January 23, 2017 hit/skip 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 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 scene.

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

Holbrook, of Lewis Center, was indicted in February and pleaded guilty in June to one count of aggravated vehicular assault — a third-degree felony, and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs — a fourth-degree felony. Holbrook has four previous OVI convictions.

In addition to time in prison, Holbrook was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine, and his license was suspended for five years. He also faces up to three years mandatory post release control.



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DELAWARE MAN SENTENCED FOR FELONIOUS ASSAULT



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Roger Allen Madison was sentenced to two years in prison this morning.

Madison pleaded guilty to felonious assault in June - a second-degree felony. He was indicted in February.

"In the early morning hours of February 5, 2017, a Delaware Police Officer was flagged down by a woman in the area of North Houk Road and West Central Avenue," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "She was in need of medical care and transported to Grady Hospital."

R. Madison

After investigation, Roger Madison was charged. In addition to time in prison, Madison faces three years mandatory post release control.

"If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse and needs help, contact law enforcement," said O'Brien. "Turning Point is our local organization serving domestic violence victims. They can be reached at 1-800-232-6505."

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Misty Dawn Adams of South Bloomfield, Ohio, was sentenced to two years in prison this morning.

The 33-year-old was charged after a traffic stop revealed drugs in her vehicle. She was indicted in February 2017 and pleaded guilty in June 2017 to trafficking in drugs - a second-degree felony.

In addition to prison time, she received 3 years mandatory post release control.





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PRISON ESCAPEE AND GALLOWAY WOMAN WHO LED LAW ENFORCEMENT ON A CAR CHASE HAVE BEEN SENTENCED



Jamie Jarrett and Troy B.T. Byrd were indicted in April 2017 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.

J. Jarrett

T. Bvrd

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, 38, and Byrd, 30, both pleaded guilty to failure to comply with order or signal of a police officer – a third-degree felony.

Jarrett was the driver. She was sentenced to two years in prison and her license has been suspended for three years.

Byrd, of Urbana, was sentenced to one year in prison to be served consecutively to any Athens County escape charges. His license was also suspended for three years.

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. He and Jarrett led authorities on a chase from Delaware to Union County on April 4, 2017.



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DELAWARE MAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARY/THEFT



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an eight-count indictment against 20-year-old Brandon Lee Lusby.

On June 1, a resident notified law enforcement after hearing the sound of breaking glass.

B. Lusby

"The resident went to investigate the noise and encountered a male trying to gain entry to the home through a broken window," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Another resident

encountered a suspicious male around her vehicle, and yet another homeowner reported a Playstation 4 missing from their home."

Lusby is charged with three counts of Burglary – all third-degree felonies and one count of Theft – a first-degree misdemeanor.

In addition to the above charges, Lusby is also charged with two counts of Forgery and two counts of Theft – all being fifth-degree felonies. These charges come after employees at the Sandusky Street CheckSmart notified authorities that a male was attempting to cash a suspicious check on May 24.

An arraignment date for Lusby has not yet been set.



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MAJOR DRUG OFFENDER HEADED TO PRISON



Jesse Gomez of Columbus received 13.5 years in prison for drug trafficking activity in Delaware County.

Gomez, 29, was indicted in February 2017 after an undercover operation revealed he was dealing in heroin.

J. Gomez

"A law enforcement officer was consistently able to purchase increasing amounts of heroin from the defendant," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Ultimately, enough heroin was seized to add a major drug specification to the charges, which adds mandatory time to sentencing."

Gomez pleaded guilty this month to trafficking in drugs - a first-degree felony with a major drug specification, trafficking in drugs - a third-degree felony, and trafficking in drugs – a fourth-degree felony.

In addition to time in prison, Gomez was ordered to pay a \$15,000 fine.

The Delaware County Drug Task Force, along with agents from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) worked together to bring charges.

"During the investigation, officials seized more than 800 grams of heroin and more than \$14,000 cash," said O'Brien. "Several search warrants also yielded items such as plastic baggies, a digital scale, rubber gloves, and more than a dozen cellular phones."

There are two additional co-defendants named on the indictment with Gomez. Warrants are out for their arrest.