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## DELAWARE COUNTY PROSECUTOR CAROL O'BRIEN NAMED OHIO'S "TOP PROSECUTOR"



The Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association has named Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien as "Ohio's Outstanding Prosecuting Attorney for 2016." The honor is presented annually to the Ohio Prosecutor who best demonstrates a commitment to justice, professionalism, and the OPAA mission to pursue truth and justice and to promote public safety.

Prosecutor O'Brien was honored last week during the association's annual meeting in downtown Columbus.

"It is an honor to be recognized by my peers," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "So many of my fellow prosecutors work hard and are passionate about what they do, it's just a wonderful surprise to be chosen for this distinction."

Founded in 1937, the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association is a private non-profit organization that supports the state's 88 elected county prosecutors. Prosecutor O'Brien served as the organization Treasurer in 2016 and will be the Vice President in 2017. She was appointed as the Delaware County Prosecutor in 2011 and was recently re-elected to her second full term as County Prosecutor in November. Her office is responsible for felony prosecutions and the civil representation of county and township officials.

"I'm proud to serve my community," said O'Brien. "I share this Ohio Prosecutor of the Year honor with all the victims who have trusted me and worked with me to get justice throughout the years."

Prosecutor O'Brien has more than 35 years trial experience. She is a 2014 Model of Justice Award recipient, another statewide recognition through the Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center. That recognition specified a case where Prosecutor O'Brien fought to convict a man who raped his daughter and fled to Germany (a case that took 20 years to bring full circle). Another notable case came in 2015 when Prosecutor O'Brien took a local teacher to trial for sexually abusing his students. That case resulted in a 106-year prison sentence in January of this year. Her most recent case, which resulted in a four-year prison sentence, was a special prosecution case of the Sandusky County Sheriff who had been charged with theft in office, deception to obtain drugs, tampering with records and more.

Known as a fair but tough prosecutor, Prosecutor O'Brien has been appointed by Governor Kasich to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission, for which she previously served as Chief Legal Counsel as an Assistant Attorney General. She was recognized by the YMCA with the 2015 Mission Award, a recognition that honors a person who demonstrates the four core values of the YMCA – caring, respect, honesty, and responsibility. Prosecutor O'Brien speaks to student groups about the law and safety. She speaks to senior citizen groups about scams, and she will go out of her way to attend community events to meet as many people as possible and answer any questions or concerns they may have.

Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien will become the OPAA President in 2019.

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## REPEAT OVI OFFENDER INDICTED



A Delaware County Grand Jury has indicted 40-year-old Brandon Stutler of Marengo on two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, both fourth-degree felonies.

Mr. Stutler was pulled over for a traffic stop on November 25, 2016 shortly before 2 a.m.

B. Stutler "All year round, but especially now during the holidays, it is important to be vigilant on the roadways," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "If you see someone driving erratically, don't hesitate to contact authorities. Your call could save a life."

At the time of the traffic stop, the defendant was observed to have bloodshot eyes, and the odor of alcohol was present.

The indictment against Stutler states that he does have previous OVI convictions, which were handled at the municipal court level in both Morrow and Delaware Counties.

An arraignment in common pleas court for the two currently indicted felonies has not yet been set.