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MULTI-COUNTY HIGH-SPEED CHASE ENDS WITH DELAWARE COUNTY INDICTMENT

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned three-count indictment against 33-year-old George C. Tiller of North Ridgeville, Ohio.

Charges come after a January 31 high-speed chase that went through Cuyahoga, Medina, Wayne, Ashland, Richland, Morrow, and Delaware Counties.

“Speeds reached in excess of 100 miles per hour,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “The chase began in Cuyahoga County after police attempted to stop the driver for speeding.”

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

He is charged with failure to comply with order or signal of police officer – a third-degree felony and two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – both first-degree misdemeanors.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.

February 26, 2016
Facebook Post

The last of four Marion residents involved in a theft ring has been sentenced.

Jamey Rose, 35, entered a guilty plea today and was sentenced to five years in prison for engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a second-degree felony.

Previously sentenced were:

Ian Thacker, 33 - He received five years in prison for engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a second-degree felony, and was sentenced last October.

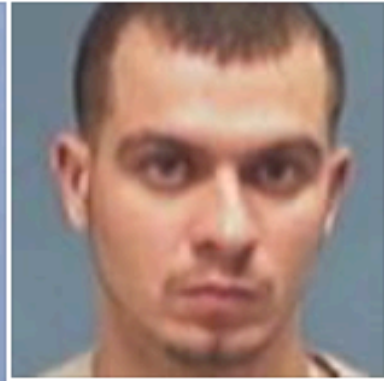
Jill Columber, 44 - She received three years of community control for theft, a fifth-degree felony, and was sentenced last November.

Amber Rose, 37 - She received four years in prison for engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a second-degree felony, and was sentenced last December.

The charges against them outlined the crimes as occurring from January 1, 2011 through April 1, 2015.

“The defendants in this case worked in tandem,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “One person would shoplift and give the stolen items to the next person who would return the items for store credit. Yet another person would either use the store credit or sell it in order to obtain drugs.”

Various stores in the central Ohio area were targets, including grocery stores, pet stores, home improvement stores, and several large retail or box stores.



Two Sentenced February 29, 2016
Facebook Posts below:

1. Columbus Man Sentenced For Trailer Thefts

Damon Lamont Alexander, 44, was sentenced to five years community control. He was indicted in January 2015 after authorities received reports of several trailer thefts in multiple central Ohio cities.

Mr. Alexander pleaded guilty to five counts of forgery and five counts of theft in July 2015. He sold the illegally obtained trailers to unsuspecting customers and provided those customers with a homemade VIN sticker at the time of purchase.

2. Sunbury Man Sentenced On Charges Of Vandalism And Escape



Benjamin Cope, 30, was sentenced to three years community control. On August 11, 2015, Cope was transported to The Delaware Municipal court where he was to appear for a misdemeanor probation violation hearing. Once at Court, Cope was placed in a holding cell on the second floor.

“Mr. Cope manipulated the sprinkler head, causing water to flood the holding cell, a nearby jury room, and prisoner area as well as seeping through the ceiling into police headquarters on the first floor,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “When escorted out of the holding cell, Mr. Cope ran down the stairs and out into the street.”

Cope was apprehended a short time later. He pleaded guilty to vandalism and escape in December 2015.

In addition to the three years of community control, he has been ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$27,311.19 for the water damage.