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**DELAWARE MAN INDICTED FOR AGGRAVATED MURDER**



***B. Pemberton***

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a murder indictment against 33-year-old Bryan Stanton Pemberton of Delaware.

Charges come after law enforcement responded to a shots fired call on January 25, 2018.

"Just before 7 p.m. officers responded to 994 Stratford Road, behind the Byers Ford Dealership on Columbus Pike," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "On scene there was a deceased male in the driver's seat of a Dodge Charger with what appeared to be two gunshot wounds."

The victim is identified as 28-year-old Ali Al Azirjawi of Hilliard. Al Azirjawi had driven his fiancée, Catherine "Abby" Scherler to Pemberton's home in order to pick up her daughter.

Pemberton is charged with one count of aggravated murder with a gun specification. An arraignment date has not yet been set.

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**FACEBOOK POST**

**Blacklick Woman Sentenced  
After Fleeing Law Enforcement At Tanger Outlets**



**A. Hissong**

Alana M. Hissong was sentenced to three years in prison for her actions on August 8, 2017, when authorities responded to Tanger Outlets after receiving a theft report.

"When officers requested Ms. Hissong stop, she ignored the order and drove out of the parking lot," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "The vehicle's front passenger tire was shot by a deputy while in the parking lot."

Hissong fled along State Route 36/37, North Galena Road, and Berkshire Road, eventually running into a telephone pole at the intersection of Berkshire and 3 Bs and a K Roads.

In addition to time in prison, Hissong was sentenced to three years post release control and ordered to pay a \$550 fine. Her license was suspended for eight years.

Hissong entered a guilty plea in January to failure to comply with an order or signal of police officer – a third-degree felony, and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – a first-degree misdemeanor. She also entered a no contest plea to robbery – a third-degree felony.

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**BOND DENIED FOR DELAWARE MAN INDICTED ON AGGRAVATED MURDER CHARGE**



Bryan Stanton Pemberton was denied bail today at his arraignment hearing in Delaware County Common Pleas Court.

"We believe Pemberton is a danger to the community and to his ex girlfriend, Abby Scherler," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "As such, we requested bond be denied in his case, and that he remain behind bars until trial."

***B. Pemberton***

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The victim is identified as 28-year-old Ali Al Azirjawi of Hilliard. Al Azirjawi had driven his fiancée, Catherine "Abby" Scherler to Pemberton's home in order to pick up her daughter.

Pemberton entered a not guilty plea in court today. His attorney indicated he will be filing a motion to enter a not guilty by insanity plea.

A trial date was set for April 24, 2018.

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**DELAWARE MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER, FELONIOUS ASSAULT**



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an attempted murder indictment against 21-year-old Joseph M. Ruotolo.

On the evening of February 4, 2018, Mr. Ruotolo and his girlfriend, 22-year-old Kayla Bowmar, were visiting with friends and drinking at a local bar.

**J. Ruotolo** “It was shortly after the couple returned home that law enforcement received a call for help, just after 2 am,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “On scene, authorities found Ms. Bowmar bleeding profusely as a result of having been shot in the chest.”

Bowmar was transported to Riverside Hospital.

Ruotolo is charged with attempted murder – a first-degree felony, and two counts of felonious assault – both second-degree felonies. All charges carry a gun specification.

An arraignment date is not yet set.

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**DELAWARE MAN INDICTED FOR RAPE OF A JUVENILE**



**G. Price**

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a four-count indictment against 45-year-old George Errick Price.

Charges come after a report to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office about a possible sex offense involving a child.

"An investigation revealed an internet search history of pornography involving children by the defendant," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "The victim reported at least two incidents of being touched inappropriately."

Price is charged with two counts of rape – both first-degree felonies, and two counts of gross sexual imposition – both third-degree felonies.

The indictment specifies the alleged offenses as occurring from December 25, 2017-February 13, 2018. It further states the victim was less than 13 years old.

An arraignment hearing for Price has not yet been set.

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**FACEBOOK POST**

**BOND SET FOR JOSEPH RUOTOLO**



***J. Ruotolo***

Bond has been set at \$200,000 for 21-year-old Joseph M. Ruotolo.

Ruotolo is charged with attempted murder – a first-degree felony, and two counts of felonious assault – both second-degree felonies. All charges carry a gun specification.

On the evening of February 4, 2018, Mr. Ruotolo and his girlfriend, 22-year-old Kayla Bowmar, were visiting with friends and drinking at a local bar.

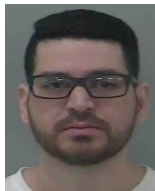
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#### **MAN SENTENCED FOR TRAFFICKING DRUGS INSIDE BABY BLANKET**



***O. Gutierrez***

Omar Osualdo Gutierrez was sentenced to 10 years in prison for criminal activity that occurred in Delaware County in 2012.

"In September 2012 law enforcement seized a baby blanket that had been shipped to a home in Powell from the Dominican Republic," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "The blanket, which was picked up by Gutierrez, had been saturated with 881 grams of cocaine."

Upon his arrest, Gutierrez was transported to New York in connection with federal drug crimes committed there. After serving a federal prison sentence, he was brought back to Delaware County where he entered a plea of guilty on February 5, 2018.

"The amount of cocaine associated with Mr. Gutierrez is staggering," said O'Brien. "Gutierrez admitted to another delivery containing more than 500 grams of cocaine. Combined, that is enough for thousands of individual doses."

Gutierrez, now 38, pleaded guilty to two counts of trafficking in cocaine – both first-degree felonies.

In addition to prison time, Gutierrez received five years post release control and was ordered to pay a \$20,000 fine.