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DELAWARE MAN INDICTED ON MULTIPLE RAPE CHARGES



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an eight-count indictment against 49-year-old Michael Grubbs.

"There are two juvenile victims involved, each younger than ten years of age," said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. "Both allege abuse at the hands of Mr. Grubbs while left in his care."

Charges come after Delaware Police responded to a sexual assault report at Grady Memorial Hospital on December 31, 2014.

M. Grubbs

Grubbs is charged with four counts of rape - all first-degree felonies, two counts of gross sexual imposition - both third-degree felonies, and two counts of

gross sexual imposition - both fourth-degree felonies.

Grubbs is in jail. An arraignment date has not yet been set.



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TWO INDICTED ON MULTIPLE COUNTS OF FORGERY



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a combined eighteen-count indictment against 28-year-old Jordan Smith and 26-year-old Anthony Schoenberger.

Law enforcement was alerted to possible misconduct Dec. 11, 2014 after the victim's daughter spoke with a bank security officer.

J. Smith A. Schoenberger

"The elderly victim in this case did not give personal checks to the defendants, nor did he give his permission

for the checks to be used," said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. "There are images of both Smith and Schoenberger in the bank, depositing checks that belonged to the victim."

Jordan, of Westerville, and Schoenberger, of Centerburg, are both charged with nine counts of forgery – all fifth-degree felonies and receiving stolen property – a fifth-degree felony. Additionally, Jordan is charged with theft – a fourth-degree felony, theft – a fifth-degree felony, and two counts of forgery – both fifth-degree felonies. Schoenberger is also charged separately with an additional four counts of forgery – all fifth-degree felonies.

Both Smith and Schoenberger are in jail awaiting arraignment.



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Two Arrested in Connection with Alleged Illegal Activity at Central Ohio Massage Parlors

(POWELL, Ohio) -- Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and members of the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force announced today the arrests of two individuals in connection with alleged criminal activity occurring inside multiple massage parlors in central Ohio.

Members of the task force, which is part of the Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission, served search warrants at the following locations this morning:

- Amsun Massage, 128 East Olentangy Street, Powell
- Amsun Massage, 1000 High Street, Worthington
- Rainbow Massage, 5564 Hilliard Rome Road, Columbus
- A private residence at 2144 Jasmine Court, Columbus

The task force is comprised of authorities with the Columbus Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, Powell Police Department, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Highway Patrol, and Delaware County Prosecutor's Office.

State, local, and federal authorities began investigating the businesses in October after tips from the community indicated that customers were purchasing sex at the massage parlors and that some workers appeared to be living at the locations.

Individuals arrested as part of the investigation include:

- Qing Xu, age unknown, Columbus
- Xiao Shuang Chao, 56, Columbus

"The suspicion in this case is that those operating these massage parlors are operating businesses where sex is being sold in addition to massages," said Attorney General DeWine. "There is also reason to believe that some workers may have been living at the businesses, which leads us to question if those women are victims of human trafficking. Investigators are now working to determine if these workers were forced to live and work at these locations or if they were doing so of their own free will."

"Today we are not just arresting those who are suspected of trafficking women for sex, we are also rescuing those who may be victims of this heinous crime," said Columbus Police Commander Gary Cameron.

"The Powell Police Department received an anonymous letter in late October, alleging that Amsun Massage located in the City was being used for illicit services, and that the women in servitude were spending their nights sleeping on massage tables," said Powell Police Chief Gary Vest. "Surveillance of the Powell location supports the anonymous complaint and it appears the women resided in the commercial location continually through nights, weekends and holidays."

"Today's arrests clearly demonstrate the important roles we all have in keeping our community safe," said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. "A concerned resident took the time to write a letter, and in turn, multiple law enforcement agencies came together to investigate. In the coming weeks, we will continue to work together to understand the best course of legal action."

"Today's enforcement actions emphasizes the commitment of HSI and our law enforcement partners to investigate those who may be seeking to profit from violating the law and dignity of another human being," said Marlon Miller, special agent in charge of HSI Detroit, which covers Michigan and Ohio. "HSI and our law enforcement partners will continue to aggressively combat this form of modern day slavery. "

The Salvation Army of Delaware County will assist with providing housing and other necessities if any workers are identified as victims.

Additional agencies that assisted the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force in the investigation include the Worthington Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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OHIO TRAILER THEFTS RESULT IN 19-COUNT INDICTMENT

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 19-count indictment against 43-year-old Damon Lamont Alexander of Columbus.

The indictment outlines trailer thefts from July 10, 2013 through January 30, 2014. Cities named in the indictment include Lewis Center, Columbus, Dayton, Monroe, Worthington, Mason, and Lancaster.

"There is evidence that Mr. Alexander illegally obtained trailers from various Ohio businesses and individuals," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Unsuspecting customers bought the trailers after seeing them advertised online and were each provided with a homemade VIN sticker at the time of purchase."

Alexander is charged with eleven counts of the t – all fourth-degree felonies, seven counts of forgery – fifth-degree felonies, and one count of forgery – a fourth-degree felony.

In several instances, Alexander was identified as the person who sold the stolen trailers by those that made the purchase.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.



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THREE INDICTED AFTER MASSAGE PARLOR RAID



Qing Xu





Estella Xu

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 15-count indictment against 57-year-old Qing Xu, 56-year-old Xiaoshuang Chao, and 54-year-old Estella Xu.

Qing Xu and Xiaoshuang Chao were arrested January 14, 2015 after law enforcement officers with the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force executed search warrants on three massage parlors and one residence. At that time, authorities were looking for a third party, now identified at Estella Xu. Estella Xu turned herself in Monday, January 19, 2015. All three have appeared in municipal court and have received a \$500,000 bond.

"We are speaking with seven women who worked and lived in the massage parlors owned by the defendants," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "With the help of interpreters, we are better able to understand what was expected of them in terms of their employment and what their living conditions were like."

Qing Xu and Xiaoshuang Chao are married and have a residence in Hilliard. Estella Xu, of California, is the sister of Qing Xu. She had previously been in the Powell area during the investigation. All three are named in one indictment and charged identically;

Count One: engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity – a first-degree felony This charge carries with it a specification that the defendants knowingly committed the offense in the furtherance of human trafficking.

Counts Two – Nine: promoting prostitution – all fourth-degree felonies These eight counts also carry a specification that the defendants knowingly committed the offense in the furtherance of human trafficking.

Counts Ten – Twelve: practice of medicine or surgery without certificate – all fifth-degree felonies

The indictment alleges the defendants did not obtain the appropriate certificate from the state medical board to operate their businesses.

Counts Thirteen – Fifteen: money laundering – all third-degree felonies The indictment alleges the defendants conducted a transaction knowing it resulted from unlawful activity and had the purpose of furthering corrupt activity.

All charges carry four forfeiture specifications.

"The forfeiture specifications outline evidence collected by investigators believed to have been used to facilitate the crimes," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Items detailed in the specifications include vehicles, money, multiple bank accounts and electronic devices."

All three defendants are in the Delaware County Jail. An arraignment in common pleas court has not yet been set.

Jan. 23, 2015 Facebook post

Cameron Mason, 19, was sentenced to 5 years in prison for the rape of an 18-year-old Delaware Hayes graduate at a graduation party last May.

A jury found Mason, of Huber Heights, guilty in December of rape – a first-degree felony.

In addition to prison, Mason received 5 years of post release control, and he will be classified as a tier III sex offender.



1.26.15 Facebook Post

NICHOLAS EBER SENTENCED

Nicholas Eber, 24, was sentenced to six years in prison and five years post release control.

Eber was indicted in May 2014 after a stabbing had been reported at the OWU Chi Phi Fraternity on North Franklin Street.

A jury found Eber guilty in December 2014 of stabbing the then OWU class president, Anthony Peddle. Eber was found guilty of attempted murder – a first-degree felony, felonious assault – a second-degree felony, and aggravated burglary – a first-degree felony.



January 28, 2015 Facebook Post

Bond is set at \$500,000 for Xiaoshuang Chao.

Chao is one of two massage parlor owners who were arrested on January 14, 2015.

He and two others were indicted on January 23. The indictment outlined 15 counts including engaging in a patter of corrupt activity and promoting prostitution with a human trafficking specification. The other two massage parlor owners named on the indictment are Estella Xu and Qing Xu. They will be arraigned February 2 in common pleas court.

A trial date of April 7, 2015 has been scheduled for Chao.





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SERIES OF OPEN HOUSE THEFTS LEADS TO HUSBAND/WIFE INDICTMENT

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned an 18-count indictment against 34-year-old Krista Gullufsen and her husband, 33-year-old Zachary Gullufsen.

"The couple traveled from their residence in Clayton, Ohio to attend open houses in the central Ohio area," said Delaware County First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. "When the homeowners returned, they reported items such as jewelry and prescription drugs missing."

The couple is charged with eight counts of burglary – second-degree felonies, four counts of theft – fifth-degree felonies, four additional counts of felony theft – fourth-degree felonies, and two counts of misdemeanor theft – both first-degree misdemeanors.

"The indictment specifies the crimes occurring on October 19 and October 26 of last year, coinciding with multiple open house events" Rohrer said. "The Delaware County Sheriff's Office as well as law enforcement from Dublin, Shawnee Hills, and Genoa Township received reports of stolen items and worked together to locate Mr. and Mrs. Gullufsen."

Arraignment dates have not yet been set.



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MANSFIELD MAN INDICTED AFTER HOME DEPOT ROBBERY/WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES THEFT



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a nine-count indictment against 31-year-old Justin Tucker.

Charges come after deputies responded to a robbery in progress call at the Lewis Center Home Depot on January 22, 2015.

J. Tucker

"Employees reported a man had taken merchandise through all points of sale without paying," said Delaware County First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. "When the man was asked to show his receipt, employees say he instead produced a gun and left the store."

After fleeing Home Depot, Worthington Industries employees reported a man matching the suspect's description had entered the property with a gun and driven off in a business vehicle.

"Law enforcement located the suspect's first vehicle, which had been crashed," Rohrer said. "With the help of Columbus Police and a helicopter tracking the suspect's movements, Tucker was taken into custody after he crashed the second vehicle."

Tucker is charged with aggravated robbery with a firearm specification – a first-degree felony, theft – a fourth-degree felony, theft – a first-degree misdemeanor, two counts of aggravated menacing – first-degree misdemeanors, receiving stolen property – a fourth-degree felony, two counts of having weapons while under disability – both third-degree felonies, and failure to comply with order or signal of police officer – a fourth-degree felony.

Tucker is in jail. An arraignment date has not yet been set.