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JURY FINDS GARY KLUSTY GUILTY OF RAPE



Gary D. Klusty

A Delaware County Jury returned a guilty verdict against 48-year-old Gary D. Klusty of Blacklick, Ohio.

Klusty was indicted August 23, 2013 on 3 counts of rape – first-degree felonies and 5 counts of gross sexual imposition – third-degree felonies. The jury found him guilty of 7 of the 8 counts, those being 2 counts of rape and 5 counts of gross sexual imposition.

“The victim in this case was 11 years old at the time the offenses occurred in 1998/99,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Mr. Klusty was a family friend who took advantage of her age, vulnerability and trust in adults.”

After the guilty verdict was delivered, Klusty was remanded into the custody of the sheriff and placed in jail. He faces up to 2 life sentences plus 20 years in prison.

“This guilty verdict is a testament to Kate’s strength, resolve, and courage to tell her story,” O’Brien said.

A sentencing hearing has been set for June 13 at 2 pm.

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**FORMER TREASURER OF BIG WALNUT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
INDICTED FOR THEFT**

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned a 4-count indictment against Patricia A. DeVore of Westerville.

DeVore, 55, is the former treasurer of the Big Walnut Soccer Association, a non-profit youth recreational soccer league funded by player fees.

"Ms. DeVore had served as treasurer for approximately 10 years," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "During her tenure, Ms. DeVore is alleged to have used her position to gain association funds for personal use."

DeVore is charged with theft – a fourth-degree felony, tampering with records – a fourth-degree felony, forgery – a fourth-degree felony, and misuse of credit cards – a first-degree misdemeanor.

An initial hearing date has not yet been set.

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Delaware County Community A Little Bit Safer as 'Operation Shield' Yields 100+ Arrests

Delaware County, Ohio - June 9, 2014 – As part of a two-day targeted operation the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol, along with 11 other agencies, made a significant impact cleaning up the criminal element and increasing road safety. The following illustrate this community success.

- ★ Arrested 33 persons who had outstanding warrants
- ★ Arrested another 27 on drug charges and 4 more on weapons violations
- ★ Arrested 9 for criminal sexual behavior
- ★ Arrested another 48 for various misdemeanor and felony crimes
- ★ Seized 146 units of heroin
- ★ Seized 4 grams of cocaine
- ★ Seized 43 grams of marijuana
- ★ Visited 48 establishments and cited/charged 3 with alcohol-related sales to minors
- ★ Arrested 8 minors for alcohol purchase, possession or consumption
- ★ Cited 538 motorists with traffic violations
- ★ Issued warnings to 588 motorists (nearly half of all stopped vehicles) for driving behavior

"Enforcing the law and making our community safe are what we do every day, but when we collaborate with other agencies and focus on targeted areas in our community, we have a much higher success rate," explains Delaware County Sheriff Russell Martin. "We want the community to know that public safety is always our number one priority, and we will continue partnering with others to be as effective as possible."

Joining the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and the State Highway Patrol in this Operation Shield effort were: the City of Delaware Police, Powell Police, the Delaware County Drug Task Force, Delaware County Adult Court Services, Delaware County Juvenile Probation, City of Delaware and Delaware County Prosecutor's Offices, Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Ohio State Parks, the Ohio Investigative Unit, and the U.S. Marshals.

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June 9, 2014: Facebook Post

DELAWARE MAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING/BURNING CARS

Judge Duncan Whitney sentenced Blake New to 2 years in prison and 5 years community control.

New, 19, was indicted on 13 counts in January. After initially entering a 'not guilty' plea, New changed his plea to 'guilty' on 5 counts, including 2 counts of arson – fourth-degree felonies, 2 counts of theft – fourth-degree felonies, and tampering with evidence – a third-degree felony.

“Mr. New stole vehicles from multiple victims and set them on fire,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. “In addition to prison time, Mr. New is required to register as an arson offender for life.”



June 10, 2014: Facebook Post

Westerville Police Cpl. Greg LeValley is recognized as a “Top Cop.” It was a letter of appreciation to Westerville Police Chief Morbitzer that resulted in the honor.

Below is an excerpt, written by Licking County Prosecutor, Ken Oswalt.



“I would like to express my deep appreciation for the exemplary work Det. LeValley has done...What is even more remarkable is this can be said about an investigator that had, no doubt, an awkward job of investigating a fellow law enforcement officer.”

“If on occasion he asked – why – I might want something done, it was done in a tone indicating his desire to know so he could better focus investigative steps, not as a form of complaint.

When he completed the requested task, he intuitively knew what additional steps should be done. Thus it was clear he was goal-directed, not merely task-directed. To any prosecutor, that is an invaluable asset in an investigator.”

The defendant in this case surrendered his peace officer’s certificate and pleaded guilty to identity fraud and attempted forgery.

Cpl. LeValley brought his wife, Robin and daughter, Kiersten (pictured) to celebrate the "Top Cop" honor!

Thank you, Cpl. LeValley, for being a “Top Cop” and helping to protect our community, and a special thanks to “Top Cop” sponsor, Cracker Barrel, for providing each of our “Top Cops” with a complimentary dinner for two!

JUNE 13, 2014 FACEBOOK POST

GARY KLUSTY SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON



Gary D. Klusty

Gary Klusty, 48, was sentenced to life in prison plus ten years. In addition, he will be labeled a tier III sex offender for life.

On June 5, 2014 a jury found Mr. Klusty guilty of 2 counts of rape – first-degree felonies and 5 counts of gross sexual imposition – third-degree felonies.

“The victim in this case was 11 years old at the time the offenses occurred in 1998/99,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Mr. Klusty was a family friend who took advantage of her age, vulnerability and trust in adults.”

Klusty will be eligible for parole after 20 years.

FACEBOOK POST: JUNE 16, 2014

**LEWIS CENTER MAN SENTENCED
ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

George D. Metzger, 63, is headed to prison for 4 years. Following his prison term, he is also sentenced to 5 years of post release control.

In May, Metzger pleaded guilty to 4 counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor – all second-degree felonies. The plea came after a search of his home revealed numerous videos and images of child pornography.

Judge Everett Krueger sentenced Metzger today to 4 years on each count, for a total of 16 years, with each count to be served concurrently.

Upon release, Metzger will be labeled a Tier II Sex Offender.





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**DELAWARE APARTMENT MANAGER
INDICTED ON CHARGES OF FORGERY/THEFT**

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned a multi-count indictment against 31-year-old Alan N. Treese.

"Mr. Treese served as the property manager for Silver Maple Apartments from June 2013 through December 2013," said Delaware County First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. "During this time, Mr. Treese is alleged to have deposited multiple rent payments into his personal account."

Treese is charged with theft – a fourth-degree felony, and 9 counts of forgery – all fifth-degree felonies.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.

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