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### **THREE INDICTED ON OVI CHARGES**

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned indictments against 43-year-old Charles Abram III of Columbus, 27-year-old Christopher Cheeseman of Lewis Center, and 32-year-old Joshua Tucker of Radnor.

On January 15, 2017, a vehicle was observed driving the wrong direction on State Route 750. The driver, Charles Abram III, was found to have slurred speech and glassy eyes. He is charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – a first-degree misdemeanor and improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle – a fourth-degree felony.

On April 25, 2017, The Ohio State Highway Patrol initiated a traffic stop in the area of Hawthorn Road just off U.S. Route 23. The driver, Christopher Cheeseman, was found to have glassy eyes and the odor of alcohol was present. Cheeseman is charged with two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – both fourth-degree felonies.

On May 12, 2017, Delaware Police responded to a crash on U.S. Route 43 near Sawmill Parkway. On scene Joshua Tucker was found to have slurred speech and glassy eyes. He is charged with two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – both fourth-degree felonies and one count of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle – also a fourth-degree felony.

“The effects of driving under the influence can be devastating,” said Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Please make the responsible decision to never get behind the wheel if you’re impaired, and if you see an impaired or distracted driver on the road, pull over to a safe place and report it by calling 1-800-GRAB-DUI or #677.”

Arraignment dates for Abram, Cheeseman, and Tucker have not yet been set.



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**THEODORE AND ARMINDA MARTIN REINDICTED,  
COUPLE NOW FACING ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR LEWIS CENTER CEMETERY SCHEME**



***Arminda and Theodore Martin***

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a second indictment against Theodore and Arminda Martin, owners of Fairview Memorial Park in Lewis Center.

“As the investigation continues more victims come forward,” said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O’Brien. “They also paid for items such as grave markers, caskets, and vaults, all of which were not provided after payment.”

The Martins were initially indicted in February. At that time there were 54 charges and 44 victims. Today’s indictment replaces the original and includes 80 charges and 67 victims.

Arminda Martin was incarcerated at the time of the first Delaware County indictment. She was in prison in West Virginia as part of a sentence from a federal tax evasion case. She was arraigned in Delaware County in May and entered a plea of not guilty. Mrs. Martin is currently being held in the Delaware County Jail. An arraignment for today’s indictment has not yet been set.

After the initial indictment, Mr. Martin was arraigned in Delaware County in March. He also entered a not guilty plea.

“After his arraignment Mr. Martin continued with questionable business practices, specifically, using funds from the cemetery bank account to post bond,” said O’Brien. “To protect the community he is now in federal prison in Ohio, also as part of a sentence from a previous federal tax evasion case.”

Arminda, 46, and Theodore, 54, Martin are each charged with one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity – a second-degree felony, one count of theft beyond the scope of consent – a third-degree felony, 29 counts of theft beyond the scope of consent – fourth-degree felonies, 21 counts of theft beyond the scope of consent – fifth-degree felonies, and three counts of theft beyond the scope of consent – first-degree misdemeanors.

Mr. Martin is additionally charged with 16 counts of theft by deception – fourth-degree felonies, six counts of theft by deception – fifth-degree felonies, and one count of theft beyond the scope of consent – a fifth-degree felony.

Mrs. Martin is also charged separately with theft by deception – a fifth-degree felony and theft by deception – a fourth-degree felony.

With both cemetery owners behind bars, the court appointed A.C. Strip as the receiver for Fairview Memorial Park. As receiver, he oversees the care and maintenance of the cemetery as well as takes any calls of concern or question from the community. Mr. Strip can be reached at (614) 228-6345.

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### **DELAWARE MAN SENTENCED FOR RAPE**

Trevor C. Clark, 37, was sentenced to five years in prison and five years post release control this morning in Delaware County Common Pleas Court.

He was indicted in February, and after a jury trial in May, he was found guilty of one count of rape.

Clark will also be classified as a tier III sexual offender as part of his sentence.





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**LEWIS CENTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY AFTER HIT/SKIP CRASH**



Mark Holbrook, 47, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated vehicular assault – a third-degree felony and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – a fourth-degree felony. Holbrook has four previous OVI convictions.

Holbrook was charged after a January 23, 2017 crash in the area of US 23 and Meadow Park Avenue.

***M. Holbrook***

“On scene, law enforcement observed a white 2005 Nissan Maxima SL with heavy front end damage and deployed air bags,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Two of the three people in the car, a mother and child, had sustained serious injuries and were transported for medical care.”

Witnesses reported the other vehicle involved in the crash, a gray van, had fled the scene.

“Law enforcement located the 2008 Chevrolet van, and its driver, Mark Holbrook, a short time later at his residence,” O’Brien said.

A sentencing date has been set for August 7, 2017.



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#### **DRIVER INDICTED AFTER FATAL OVI CRASH**

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against 48-year-old Scott M. Wilson of Delaware.

Wilson was the driver of a car involved in a single-vehicle crash along US 42 in the early morning hours of December 14, 2016.

"The vehicle veered off the right side of the road, striking a ditch, a traffic sign, a tree, and a fence," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "All three people in the car sustained serious injuries, and ultimately, the front seat passenger did not survive."

Wilson is charged with one count of aggravated vehicular manslaughter – a second-degree felony and one count of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – a first-degree misdemeanor.

An arraignment date is not yet set.

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**PRISON ESCAPEE PLEADS GUILTY  
AFTER LEADING LAW ENFORCEMENT ON CAR CHASE**



Troy B.T. Byrd pleaded guilty to failure to comply with order or signal of a police officer – a third-degree felony.

The 28-year-old prison escapee appeared in Delaware County Common Pleas court on Thursday to enter his plea. Judge Everett Krueger accepted his plea and set a sentencing hearing for August 14.

***T. Byrd***

Byrd was indicted April 14, 2017 after he and Jamie Jarrett led authorities on a chase from Delaware to Union County on April 4, 2017.

Byrd escaped from the Septa Correctional Facility on April 1, 2017. He had been sentenced to the facility on charges of possession of heroin out of Champaign County.

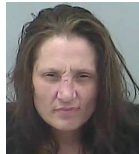


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**GALLOWAY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY  
AFTER LEADING LAW ENFORCEMENT ON CHASE WITH ESCAPED PRISONER**



***J. Jarrett***

Jamie Jarrett pleaded guilty to failure to comply with order or signal of a police officer – a third-degree felony.

She appeared in Delaware County Common Pleas court on Wednesday to enter her plea. Judge Everett Krueger accepted her plea and set a sentencing hearing for August 14.

Jarrett was indicted April 14, 2017 after she and SEPTA Correctional Facility escapee Troy B.T. Byrd tried to elude law enforcement.

The duo led authorities on a chase from Delaware to Union County on April 4, 2017.