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DUO SENTENCED AFTER HUMANE SOCIETY BREAK-INS

Last Friday a jury found James Blankenship guilty of breaking into multiple humane societies in the central Ohio area, including Delaware.

This week he was sentenced to 9.5 years in prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$15,450.

Blankenship, 30, is from Mount Gilead.

Corby Creech was also charged with the break-ins. He pleaded guilty in December 2015 and received three years and five months in prison.

He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$12,147.

Creech, 37, is from Cardington.

Both were indicted in July 2015. The crimes occurred from January to March 2015. Stolen items included things like cash and animal medicine.



J. Blankenship



C. Creech

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GRAND JURY INDICTS FORMER OSP LIEUTENANT



A Delaware County Grand Jury has indicted a former Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant on charges of tampering with records and theft.

Charges come after two guns were found in the home of 47-year-old William P. Elschlager of Marietta.

W. Elschlager “The guns had been in evidence during the time Mr. Elschlager was a patrolman at the Delaware County Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “One gun was supposed to have been destroyed, while the other had been catalogued as having been returned to the owner.”

Since working in Delaware, Elschlager moved to Marietta and served as Lieutenant for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Marietta Post.

Elschlager is charged with one count of tampering with records – a third-degree felony, and six counts of theft – all third-degree felonies.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.

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REPEAT OFFENDER CHARGED WITH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE



R. Ellis

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a three-count indictment against 49-year-old Robert Lee Ellis of Columbus.

Charges come after Ellis was pulled over on April 30, 2016 in the Polaris Parkway/Interstate 71 area.

“Mr. Ellis was observed to have slurred speech, and there was a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “A breath test revealed a BAC of .215, more than twice Ohio’s legal limit of .08 percent.”

Ellis has 10 previous misdemeanor OVI convictions and one previous felony OVI conviction. He is currently charged with two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – both third-degree felonies, and driving under OVI suspension – a first-degree misdemeanor.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.