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BOND SET FOR GALENA MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



Bond has been set at \$15,000 for 36-year-old Larry A. Paynter II.

"On December 10, 2014 a federal search warrant was issued as a result of an internet investigation by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Items such as laptops and floppy disks were seized and processed as evidence."

L. Paynter

Paynter was indicted February 27 on eight counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor – all second-degree felonies.

"Mr. Paynter is a registered sex offender in the state of Ohio," O'Brien said. "He was convicted in 2001 for compelling prostitution and sexual battery."

A trial date has been set for May 28, 2015.

Carol O'Brien
DELAWARE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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MOUNT VERNON MAN INDICTED AFTER COPPER WIRE GOES MISSING



Tyler Harman

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned a two-count indictment against 24-year-old Tyler Harman.

Charges come after Delaware Police received a call on August 4, 2014 of a suspicious person having been around the AEP substation on Liberty Road.

“On scene authorities found a hole in the fence and later confirmed with AEP that several spools of copper wire were missing,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “After further investigation, police established that copper wire sold to Sims Recycling came from the substation.”

Harman has been charged with two counts of receiving stolen property – both fifth-degree felonies.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.



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TWO INDICTED FOR THEFT IN POLARIS AREA

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned indictments against two men involved in separate instances of theft in the Polaris area.

Jesse S. Cervantez Jr., 41, and Brandon McCarty, 33, are each charged with theft – a fifth-degree felony.

Charges against Cervantez come as a result of four separate instances of alleged theft at Von Maur in the Polaris Mall.

“Mr. Cervantez can be seen on store surveillance video with merchandise such as purses in his jacket,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “He proceeded past all points of sale without paying.”

In an unrelated case at Cabela’s, Mr. McCarty can also be seen on store surveillance video concealing ammunition.

Cervantez is from Columbus. McCarty is from Mount Orab. Both are awaiting arraignment.

Facebook post: March 17, 2015

BOND SET FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHER ACCUSED OF RAPE

Bond is set at \$1,000,000 for the Olentangy elementary teacher accused of misconduct with students.

In municipal court today, 39-year-old Matthew Rausenberg of Columbus was charged with rape and gross sexual imposition. He is currently in the Delaware County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau at (740) 833-2837.





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OLENTANGY ELEMENTARY TEACHER INDICTED FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING STUDENTS



M. Rausenberg

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 32-count indictment against 39-year-old Matthew D. Rausenberg of Columbus.

The indictment comes after authorities received a tip from a teenager, a former student of Rausenberg's.

"After learning of the alleged abuse, authorities executed a search warrant on the defendant's home on Monday, March 16," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Mr. Rausenberg was immediately removed from Arrowhead Elementary School and arrested that same day."

The next day Mr. Rausenberg was in municipal court. The initial two charges against him included rape and gross sexual imposition, and specified two victims. The indictment today outlines 32 charges and allegations of criminal misconduct against five juvenile victims.

Rausenberg is charged with two counts of kidnapping – first-degree felonies, two counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor – second-degree felonies, and 28 counts of gross sexual imposition – all third-degree felonies.

The kidnapping charges carry a sexual motivation specification as well as a school safety zone specification. Each gross sexual imposition charge includes a school safety zone specification. Specifications can increase a sentence. Rausenberg faces up to life in prison.

"The defendant has been a teacher in the Olentangy district since August 2001," said O'Brien. "The indictment today specifies alleged misconduct from 2006 to present."

Rausenberg is in jail on a municipal court bond of \$1 million. An arraignment date in common pleas court is not yet set.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau at (740) 833-2837.

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CLEANING LADY INDICTED FOR MULTIPLE COUNTS OF THEFT



C. Rector

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 15-count indictment against 42-year-old Cynthia J. Rector of Reynoldsburg.

“Law enforcement in multiple jurisdictions received calls from residents reporting items in their homes had disappeared after Ms. Rector had been employed to clean,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Items such as jewelry, gift cards, electronics and cash were all reported missing.”

Rector is charged with multiple counts of theft including one count that is a third-degree felony, two counts that are fourth-degree felonies, eight counts of theft that are fifth-degree felonies, and three additional counts of theft that are first-degree misdemeanors. Rector is also charged with one count of misusing credit cards – a fifth-degree felony.

“The indictment outlines alleged criminal activity from July of 2014 through January 27, 2015 and names 14 victims,” O’Brien said. “Two of the victims are elderly and one is disabled, two distinctions that raise the felony level and the potential sentence.”

An arraignment date is not yet set.

Facebook post: March 30, 2015

BOND SET FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHER ACCUSED OF RAPE

Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien requested and received a \$1 million bond for former Olentangy elementary school teacher Matthew Rausenberg.

Trial is set for June 2, 2015.



Pic: Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien requests \$1 million bond in common pleas court