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GALENA COUPLE INDICTED FOR ENDANGERING CHILDREN

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned a multi-count indictment against 27-year-old Jessica Smith and 35-year-old Michael R. Smith II.

Charges stem from a physical abuse referral made to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. The referral was made by Delaware County Job and Family Services on April 25, 2014 when a juvenile male was taken to St. Ann's Hospital.

"On April 25 the victim was transported from St. Ann's to Nationwide Children's Hospital for emergency surgery," said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. "The victim sustained life threatening injuries."

Mr. And Mrs. Smith are each charged with endangering children – a third-degree felony. Additionally Mr. Smith is charged with felonious assault – a second-degree felony, endangering children – a second-degree felony, and domestic violence – a first-degree misdemeanor.

Arrest warrants have been issued for both Michael and Jessica Smith.

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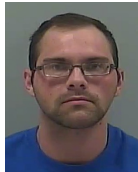
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**DELAWARE MAN INDICTED FOR
ATTEMPTED MURDER AT OWU FRATERNITY**



A Delaware County Grand Jury returned a 4-count indictment against 23-year-old Nicholas Eber.

Charges stem from a 9-1-1 call made in the early morning hours of May 3, 2014.

Nicholas Eber

“Delaware Police responded to a caller saying someone had been stabbed at the OWU Chi Phi Fraternity on North Franklin Street,” said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. “On scene authorities found 21-year-old Anthony Peddle bleeding profusely.”

Peddle was transported by Medflight to Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. He has since been released.

Eber is charged with attempted murder – a first-degree felony, felonious assault – a second-degree felony, aggravated burglary – a first-degree felony, and tampering with evidence – a third-degree felony.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Eber.

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WORTHINGTON WOMAN INDICTED FOR THEFT

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned an indictment against 59-year old Rebecca Fasone of Worthington.

“Ms. Fasone deceived others into believing she needed money for health and foreclosure issues,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “These fabrications tugged at the heartstrings and yielded thousands of dollars.”

Fasone is charged with theft – a third-degree felony and theft – a fourth-degree felony.

An arraignment date has not yet been set.

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