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# CEMETERY OWNER IN FEDERAL PRISON, OFFICIALS DISCUSSING OPTIONS FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE, OWNERSHIP



T. Martin

Theodore and Arminda Martin were indicted in February for taking money in return for services, which victims say, were never rendered at Fairview Memorial Park in Lewis Center.

"After being indicted and arraigned in Delaware County Common Pleas Court, Mr. Martin continued with questionable business practices, specifically, using funds from the cemetery bank account to post bond," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "To protect the community and victims in this case, our office has cooperated with federal officials to take Mr. Martin into custody."

Theodore Martin, 53, is in Pennsylvania awaiting a prison assignment. He is going to prison as part of a sentence from a previous federal tax evasion case.

Arminda Martin, 46, was incarcerated at the time of the Delaware County indictment. She was, and still is, in prison in West Virginia, also as part of a sentence from a federal tax evasion case. An arraignment for her has not yet been set in Delaware County.

"With both defendants in prison we are looking at options for maintenance and ownership," O'Brien said. "The grounds are not (and have not been) kept up properly, and there needs to be something put into place to maintain the land not only for those laid to rest, but also for their families who deserve the peace of knowing their loved ones are being taken care of."

There are 44 victims named in the Delaware County 54-count indictment. The victims describe purchasing items such as grave markers, grave plots, and vaults, all of which were never provided after payment.

The Martins are charged with one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity – a second-degree felony, 17 counts of theft – fourth-degree felonies, 15 counts of theft – fifth-degree felonies, and three additional counts of theft – first-degree misdemeanors.

Mr. Martin is additionally charged with 10 counts of theft – fourth-degree felonies, and six counts of theft – fifth-degree felonies. Mrs. Martin is also charged separately with two additional counts of theft – both fifth-degree felonies.



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Facebook Post from 5.8.17

#### **BOND SET FOR ILLINOIS MAN INDICTED ON 28 DRUG CHARGES**

Bond is set at \$75,000 for 43-year-old Ernest Grady.

Grady is indicted on 28 counts. Charges come after Delaware Police received a call from a local pharmacy on March 17, 2017.

"Employees at the Sandusky Street CVS called law enforcement about a suspicious medical prescription," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "When the pharmacy contacted the doctor for verification, employees were informed the prescription was fake."

Investigators further found Grady had visited five Delaware County pharmacies that day, those being Wal-Mart, CVS, and three Kroger locations.

A final pretrial hearing is set for June 12, 2017, and the trial date is set for June 27, 2017.



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#### TWO INDICTED ON OVI CHARGES

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned indictments against 53-year-old Lisa Currey of Westerville and 22-year-old Dakota Mead of Centerburg.

"In both of these cases, members of the public took proactive steps when they noticed something seemed wrong," said First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer.

On March 25, 2017 the Westerville Police received a call that a person appeared to be passed out behind the wheel of a car. Westerville authorities found the driver, Lisa Currey, in the vehicle with the keys in the ignition. Currey has been charged with two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – both fourth-degree felonies and one count of driving under OVI suspension – a first-degree misdemeanor.

On April 6, 2017 the Ohio State Highway Patrol received a call about a potential road rage incident. Upon investigation, the driver, Dakota Mead, was found to have glassy, bloodshot eyes as well as slurred speech. Mead has been charged with improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle — a fourth-degree felony, and two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs — both first-degree misdemeanors.

"I commend the folks who made the choice and took the time to call law enforcement," said Rohrer. "Our roadways demand our full attention when driving, and impaired drivers can not only hurt themselves, but others as well."

To report a suspected drunk or impaired driver, you can call 1-800-GRAB-DUI or #677.

Arraignment dates have not yet been set.



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## FACEBOOK POST

## **BANK ROBBER SENTENCED**

Jose Angel Santiago Cintron, 42, was sentenced to three years in prison this morning.

On February 17, 2017, a robbery in progress was reported at the Chase Bank located at 61 North Sandusky Street in Delaware.

Cintron

"The caller reported a man, dressed in black, had demanded money," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "It was also reported that the man had held a patron at knifepoint."



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#### **FACEBOOK POST**

## ASHLEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO AGGRAVATED ARSON



Christopher M. Richardson pleaded guilty this morning to one count of aggravated arson - a first-degree felony.

Richardson, 27, was supposed to stand trial today, but decided to enter a guilty plea instead.

He was indicted after officials were called to a house fire at 10 Vine Street the morning of January 28, 2017.

#### C. Richardson

"On scene, the home was engulfed in flames," said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. "A woman who had been inside the home was transported to Ohio State University Hospital where she remains for treatment.

Richardson, who lived in the home with his mother, was apprehended later that day.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.