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LEWIS CENTER MAN INDICTED ON ATTEMPTED MURDER



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against 18-year-old Dajuan Ramon Woods of Lewis Center.

Charges come after Columbus Police responded to a call that a woman had been shot in the lower jaw in the area of Lazelle Commons Drive.

D. Woods

"On scene the injured woman identified her attacker, who was located a short time later walking away from the area," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "The suspect was

arrested without incident, and a firearm was later found among bushes and trees, wrapped in clothing and covered in leaves."

Woods is charged with two counts of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated robbery. All charges are first-degree felonies carrying a firearm specification.

Initial investigation suggests the shooting may have occurred during a drug deal.

Woods is in the Delaware County Jail awaiting arraignment.



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TRIO SENTENCED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING



crimes in Delaware County was sentenced today in the Delaware County Common Pleas Court.

Del Rio Gomez Marroquin-Perez

Salvador Gomez, 57, was sentenced to 10 years in prison and five years post release control. He was also ordered to pay a

\$20,000 fine. Gomez pleaded guilty in October to two counts of trafficking in drugs, both first-degree felonies.

Gomez, from California, is one of three men charged after being pulled over on April 5, 2018 as part of an ongoing investigation.

"The men were traveling south from Toledo in two separate vehicles when they were pulled over in Delaware County," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. " A search of the vehicles resulted in the seizure of a massive amount of drugs, 4.4 pounds of cocaine all coming to the central Ohio area."

Jose Jr. Del Rio, also from California, pleaded guilty in August to trafficking in cocaine, a first-degree felony charge that carried with it a major drug offender specification. The 26-year-old was sentenced to eleven years in prison and five years post release control.

Gerardo Marroquin-Perez, 34, pleaded guilty in August to two counts of trafficking in drugs, both first-degree felonies. Marroquin-Perez, from Columbus, was sentenced to seven years in prison and five years post release control.

RETIRED GENOA TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER PLEADS NO CONTEST TO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY WHILE ON DUTY



□Mark Wells, 60, pleaded no contest to one charge of unauthorized use of property – a fifth-degree felony. The court accepted his plea and entered a finding of guilt.

Wells had been placed on administrative leave after allegations arose that he improperly used workplace technology while on shift. He was indicted in April 2018.

M. Wells "The indictment against Mr. Wells covers shifts from May 3, 2016 through April 25, 2017," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "An investigation revealed that during this time Mr. Wells used the laptop in his cruiser to access pornographic videos while on duty."

During the course of the investigation Wells retired. He had been with the department for nearly 30 years.

Sentencing for the Galena resident is set for December 17, 2018 at 10:30 am.



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THREE STOLEN VEHICLES AND ONE HIGH-SPEED CHASE LEAD TO INDICTMENT



S. Osborn

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a four-count indictment against 25-year-old Spencer S. Osborn of Delaware.

Charges come after a July 3, 2018 high-speed chase that started in Delaware and ended in Ostrander during the early morning hours.

"When the driver of a 2003 Dodge Ram failed to pull over for law enforcement, a chase ensued," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Speeds reached 100 mph and ended with the truck veering off the roadway, coming to rest in a ditch."

It was determined the truck had been stolen from a Delaware resident. The driver fled on foot and was not captured.

"Later that day, law enforcement became aware a second vehicle, a Cadillac Eldorado, had been stolen from an Ostrander resident in the area where the pursuit ended," O'Brien said. "That vehicle was later found empty in Columbus close to the location where yet another vehicle, a GMC truck, had been reported stolen."

Osborn is charged with failure to comply with order or signal of police officer – a third-degree felony, and three counts of receiving stolen property – all fourth-degree felonies.

An arraignment has not yet been set.



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FACEBOOK NOVEMBER 9, 2018 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JULIE DATKO (740) 833-2755

BOND SET AT \$100,000 FOR LEWIS CENTER TEEN INDICTED ON ATTEMPTED MURDER

Bond was set at \$100,000 for 18-year-old Dajuan Ramon Woods of Lewis Center.

Woods was charged after Columbus Police responded to a call that a woman had been shot in the lower jaw in the area of Lazelle Commons Drive on October 21, 2018.

"On scene the injured woman identified her attacker, who was located a short time later walking away from the area," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "The suspect was arrested without incident, and a firearm was later found among bushes and trees, wrapped in clothing and covered in leaves."

Woods is charged with two counts of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated robbery. All charges are first-degree felonies carrying a firearm specification.

The shooting occurred during a drug deal.

A trial is set for January 15, 2019.



FACEBOOK NOVEMBER 15, 2018 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JULIE DATKO (740) 833-2755

SENTENCING SET FOR COLUMBUS MAN WHO INAPPROPRIATELY TOUCHED MINORS AT WATER PARK



Philip A. Lohbauer, 34, will be sentenced on January 11, 2019.

Lohbauer entered an Alford plea Tuesday to one count of gross sexual imposition, a fourth-degree felony. He was charged after a June 18, 2018 incident at Zoombezi Bay.

"Park staff said several juveniles stepped forward to report a man

repeatedly positioning himself directly, and closely, behind girls in the wave pool," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien.
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"Surveillance video showed the wave pushing the girls into the man, who was identified as Philip Lohbauer."

When entering an Alford plea, a defendant does not admit to a criminal act, but admits the evidence against them would likely result in a finding of guilt.



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GALENA WOMAN WHO LIED ABOUT TERMINAL ILLNESS SENTENCED

Tawni Fuller, 34, was sentenced to two years in prison and three years of post release control.

Fuller, a former OSU nurse anesthetist, told coworkers she had terminal lung cancer in 2016.

An investigation revealed Fuller lied about being sick. She then accepted gifts, money, donated sick days, and utilized the family medical leave act through her employer, all under the guise of fighting a terminal illness.

"Ms. Fuller took advantage of friends, coworkers, her community and employer - people who trusted and cared for her," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "If you've ever known someone who has fought cancer, it's horrifying, and it's hard to believe that someone would take advantage of the community in this way."

Fuller pleaded guilty in October to telecommunications fraud – a third-degree felony, theft – a fourth-degree felony, and theft – a third-degree felony.

She was ordered to pay \$45,469.68 in restitution to Ohio State Medical Center and \$2,304.66 in restitution to victims.

"Ms. Fuller took much more than money," O'Brien said. "She stole time and trust; She caused serious and lasting harm to the victims' faith in humanity."

Fuller is to have no contact with victims, and must stay off the OSU premises.



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SENTENCING SET FOR MAN WHO FAILED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER



Sentencing for 28-year-old Matthew Robert Strempler will be January 7 2019

Strempler pleaded guilty this morning to failure to register – a fourth-degree felony.

Law enforcement was notified of the failure to register after a local employer background check revealed child pornography charges dating back to 2009 while Mr. Strempler was in the military.

M. Strempler

"Since his military conviction, Mr. Strempler has lived in Mississippi, Florida, New York, Indiana, and most recently Texas," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Records indicate he has never registered as a sex offender in any state."

Strempler is in jail on a \$50,000 bond.



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STOLEN CAR LEADS TO RETAIL THEFT INDICTMENT

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an eight-count indictment against 51-year-old Willie Harris, of Columbus.

"Law enforcement located Mr. Harris during an investigation into the report of a stolen 2008 Volkswagon Jetta in Columbus," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "When the vehicle was located, an investigation revealed the alleged car thief, Mr. Harris, was potentially involved in multiple thefts involving Victoria Secret stores in Delaware, Franklin, and Licking Counties."

Harris is charged with one count of receiving stolen property – a fourth-degree felony associated with the stolen car, five counts of theft – all fifth-degree felonies, and two additional counts of misdemeanor theft.

"The theft charges stem from alleged instances in Victoria Secret stores in the Polaris Mall, The Mall at Tuttle Crossing, Tanger Outlets, and The Indian Mound Mall in Heath," O'Brien said. "The total value of items reported as stolen throughout the three counties is nearly \$8,500."

An arraignment date for Harris is not yet set.



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MARION WOMAN INDICTED FOR FIFTH OVI OFFENSE



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against 40-year-old Yolanda M. Reece, of Marion.

Law enforcement was alerted to a reckless driver in a white minivan November 23, 2018 in the area of US 23 and N. Sandusky Street in Delaware.

Y. Reece

Deputies located the minivan and observed it making erratic movements within its lane of travel and nearly colliding with another vehicle before stopping in a parking lot.

"The driver was observed to be unsteady on her feet," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "She also had a strong odor of alcohol about her person."

Reece is charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – a fourth-degree felony. An arraignment date is not yet set.

"The motorist who alerted authorities in this case may very well have saved a life," O'Brien said. "Every day, and especially as we enter into the holiday season, if you observe a distracted or erratic driver, pull over and alert law enforcement."