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Delaware Man Sentenced For Securities Fraud And Theft

Michael D. Wood was sentenced to 30 days in jail and four years community control for taking more than \$80,000 from five investors and falsely claiming he would make them rich by investing the money in a global currency scheme.

Wood, 69, told investors he had a contact at the United States Treasury Department, and therefore had inside information that could yield millions of dollars, if they invested. He also claimed that well known politicians and Washington insiders were already invested.

In reality, Wood did not have inside knowledge and did not invest the funds. Instead, he used the money for personal expenses and ultimately pled no contest to three counts of F3 securities fraud, two counts of F4 securities fraud, F3 theft from the elderly, F4 theft, and misdemeanor falsification.

The scheme took place from 2014 through 2016. The five victims were all acquaintances of Wood, and ranged in age from 54 to 71 years old.

In addition to jail time and community control sanctions, Wood was ordered to pay \$81,300 in restitution. He must complete 40 hours of community service. If he violates the terms of his community control monitoring, he may be sent to prison for 15 years.

Wood was indicted in November 2019 after an investigation by The Ohio Division of Securities. The Division had received a referral through the Ohio Department of Insurance, who was contacted by a victim.

Before trusting someone with your hard-earned money, the Division of Securities encourages potential investors to call the Division's Investor Protection Hotline at 877-683-7841 to ask:

- Is the brokerage firm and salesperson licensed to sell securities in Ohio?
- Have any enforcement actions been taken against them?
- Has the security been properly registered with the Division of Securities?



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Delaware Man Sentenced For Domestic Violence

Kyle Kegley is headed to prison for six months for attacking his pregnant girlfriend.

The two were involved in an argument when Kegley headbutted his girlfriend in the head and punched her in the abdomen after stating he wished she'd have a miscarriage.

The incident occurred on February 4, 2020 at their shared residence. Kegley, 29, pled guilty to one count of F5 domestic violence and faced a potential of 12 months in prison. At the completion of his prison term, he could face up to three additional years of community control sanctions.



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DELAWARE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR BURGLARY

Amy R. Brinkman, 39, received three years community control for entering a Delaware City residence and stealing several items that she later pawned.

She pled guilty to F3 burglary earlier this month.

Delaware homeowners contacted police in February after several items in their home went missing. Home security footage showed the defendant inside the home without permission, and stealing various items. Brinkman pled guilty to F3 burglary and was sentenced earlier this month.

The homeowners in this case were able to recover several items from a local pawn shop, including a video gaming system with several games, noise cancelling headphones, and jewelry.

“Burglary is crime where you are never the same as a victim,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel. “Brinkman, and other burglars, steal your possessions, and also your peace of mind. While we all can hope not to be the victim of a burglary, in the event we are, some preventative steps can help during the difficult time.

Homeowners should routinely catalog household items, especially valuables. A room by room inventory helps to easily identify what may be missing in the event of a burglary, and if you’re able to take pictures of especially treasured items (like heirloom jewelry), that’s helpful for law enforcement when conducting a search.

With smartphones, an easy recording of the rooms in your home can be helpful too.



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**PLAIN CITY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING JUVENILES**



Gary Michael Hill was sentenced to the maximum penalty, 14.5 years in prison, for sexually abusing four female victims, all juveniles when the crimes occurred.

Hill, 44, was indicted in January 2018 and pled no contest earlier this year to rape, a first-degree felony, and three counts of gross sexual imposition, all fourth-degree felonies. The investigation was conducted by the Westerville City Police Department, and began when a brave victim came forward to a school resource officer.

“But for the brave victim and school resource officer, this man would have remained on our streets and in our community preying on victims,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel. “School resource officers play a vital role in protecting our kids, but are also often a trusted adult that our teens confide in. We need them in our schools, and I applaud and support their efforts.”

The court also classified Hill as a sexual predator. As such, upon his release from prison, Hill will be required to register with the sheriff in his county of residence every 90 days for the duration of his life in addition to several other restrictions.

If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual abuse, there is help. Law enforcement is always available, 24/7. HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties offers a free, confidential crisis hotline. The number is 1-800-684-2324 or text helpline to 898211.

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WESTERVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR ASSAULTING AN OFFICER

On January 28, 2020 Westerville Police officers pulled over a white Land Rover for speeding in the area of McCorkle Boulevard and County Line Road in Delaware County.

The driver was 23-year-old Nathan Worthy, who appeared to be under the influence. Officers arrested Worthy for OVI. Following the arrest, officers found two loaded guns inside the vehicle.

Worthy was placed in a holding cell at the Westerville Police Department. When officers attempted to transport him to the Delaware County Jail, Worthy became combative, and kicked an officer in the knee and thigh area.

In September, Worthy pled guilty to assaulting an officer and improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, both felonies of the fourth-degree. He was sentenced this month to two years community control monitoring. Conditions of his community control include random drug testing, no alcohol consumption, no firearms, and 40 hours community service.



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COLUMBUS MAN HEADED TO PRISON FOR ATTACKING EX-WIFE

Jesse Hawk will spend the next 4-6 years behind bars for attacking his ex-wife on the afternoon of February 25, 2020.

Police responded to a domestic violence call from a mail carrier who was on her delivery route along South Union Street in Delaware when she saw a woman being held in a headlock. The carrier reported the woman was yelling for help.

When officers arrived, Hawk had fled the scene, but the victim reported that Hawk had forced his way into her residence. She said he was agitated and began strangling her. During a scuffle, she broke free and ran outside, where she was able to scream for help.

Hawk, 39, was indicted in March and pled to F2 burglary and F3 attempted felonious assault in October. He was sentenced this month to 4-6 years for the burglary and 2 years for the attempted felonious assault, to be served concurrently.

After his prison sentence, Hawk was given an additional three years of post release control monitoring.



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**MARION MAN HEADED TO PRISON AFTER
JURY FINDS HIM GUILTY OF COCAINE POSSESSION**

Michael I. Davis was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison for possessing 97 grams of cocaine.

Law enforcement found the drugs while doing a business check at the Shell Gas Station in Sunbury during the early morning hours of April 27, 2020.

During the business check, a random license plate search on a black GMC Yukon at the gas pumps came back as belonging to a gray Honda. The driver, who initially provided a false name, was determined to be 50-year-old Michael Davis, of Marion. Authorities found cocaine inside the vehicle. They also found that Davis had a felony warrant out of Marion for trafficking in cocaine.

Davis was indicted in July and found guilty earlier this month of one count of possession of cocaine, a first-degree felony. In addition to the 10-15 years behind bars, Davis is subject to five years post release control monitoring.

