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## **Weekend Drug Round-Up Puts 28 Behind Bars**

Delaware County, Ohio – October 7, 2013 – A weekend drug round-up in Delaware County resulted in 28 arrests. This was a combined effort by members of the *Delaware County Drug Task Force*.

The round-up comes after a Delaware County Grand Jury returned 36 drug indictments.

"Keeping our community safe and drug-free is a collaborative and ongoing effort," said Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Carol O'Brien. "The persistence and dedication demonstrated by our local law enforcement has made this round-up a success, ultimately keeping narcotics off our streets, out of our neighborhoods, and away from our children."

As part of the round-up, 43-year old John C. Kibler of Sunbury was indicted for furnishing a controlled substance to a juvenile. Others arrested included both drug dealers and users.

"As successful as these efforts were, we are still looking for some known drug dealers and users and need to bring them to justice," said Delaware County Sheriff Russell Martin. "It takes months of investigative work and numerous partnerships to have such a positive impact in our community. But we know our work is far from over."

Still at large are the following four (4) criminals, who have warrants out for their arrest (see page 2 for photos). The public is asked to call the Delaware County Drug Task Force's anonymous hotline at **740-833-2790** with any information.

- Adam Polt, age 28
- Veronika Stephens, age 22
- Joseph Johnson, age 26
- Greg Jacobs, age 25

Members of the Delaware County Drug Task Force include: Delaware County Sheriff's Office, City of Delaware Police, Powell Police, Sunbury Police, Westerville Police, Delaware County Juvenile Court Adult Court Services, and Delaware County Prosecutor's Office.

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## Delaware County Drug Task Force

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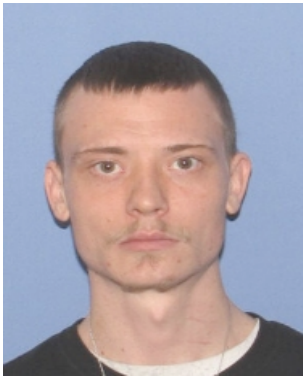
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### **CHICAGO MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR IDENTITY FRAUD CRIME SPREE IN CENTRAL OHIO**



**Mark Mack**

Mark Mack, 44, of Chicago was sentenced to 10 years in prison for his part in a central Ohio crime spree from April 2009 to November 2010.

Mack and his female accomplices traveled from Chicago in order to steal women's purses and credit cards.

Mack would create a fake ID, coupling the victim's personal information with one of the accomplice's pictures. The female accomplices would then use the fake ID and stolen credit cards for cash advances, electronics, and gift cards.

"Mark Mack is a menace to society," said Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney, Carol O'Brien. "He has a long criminal history with similar charges in other states. It's estimated that over \$100,000 was stolen from unsuspecting victims in both Franklin and Delaware counties in this case alone."

Mack was found guilty of 30 felony counts including eighteen counts of identity fraud – one of which is a third-degree felony, twelve of which are fourth-degree felonies, and five of which are fifth-degree felonies. He was also found guilty of nine counts of receiving stolen property – all fifth-degree felonies, one count of theft – a fifth-degree felony, one count of possessing criminal tools – a fifth-degree felony, and one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity with a forfeiture specification – a first-degree felony.

The female co-defendants in this case are 45-year old Pamela Webb and 32-year old Tarra Wright, both of Chicago. Webb has been sentenced to eight years in prison for her involvement. There is an arrest warrant out for Tarra Wright.

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**ALI SALIM PLEADS GUILTY TO CAUSING THE DEATHS OF  
DEANNA BALLMAN AND HER UNBORN BABY**



***Ali Salim***

Ali Salim entered a guilty plea today for causing the deaths of 23-year-old Deanna Ballman and her unborn baby on Aug. 1, 2012.

"The deaths of Deanna Ballman and baby Mabel are senseless and tragic," said First Assisting Prosecuting Attorney, Kyle Rohrer. "Mr. Salim faces 37 years in prison, but no prison sentence will ever make up for the loss this family has suffered."

Salim, 45, of New Albany, pleaded guilty to the involuntary manslaughter of Deanna Ballman – a first-degree felony, the involuntary manslaughter of Mabel (Ballman's unborn daughter) – a first-degree felony, the rape of Deanna Ballman – a first-degree felony, tampering with evidence – a third-degree felony, and the abuse of a corpse – a fifth-degree felony.

Salim was indicted Feb. 20, 2013 after the bodies Deanna Ballman and her unborn baby were found in her vehicle in Harlem Township in Delaware County. Ms. Ballman, a Licking County resident, was nine-months pregnant at the time.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Dec. 20, 2013 at 1 p.m.

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