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FACEBOOK POST

Bond Set For Blacklick Woman Indicted After Fleeing Law Enforcement At Tanger Outlets



Bond is set at \$20,000 for the Blacklick woman indicted after fleeing law enforcement at Tanger Outlets on August 8, 2017. The law enforcement officers were responding to a report of theft.

Alana M. Hissong, 28, is charged with robbery – a second-degree felony, failure to comply with an order or signal of police officer – a third-degree felony, and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – a first-degree misdemeanor.

A. Hissong

"When officers requested Ms. Hissong stop, she ignored the order," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Instead, she got in her vehicle and accelerated, knocking a deputy to the ground before pulling out to State Route 37."

The suspect fled along State Route 36/37, North Galena Road, and Berkshire Road, eventually running into a telephone pole at the intersection of Berkshire and 3 Bs and a K Roads.

"The vehicle's front passenger tire had been shot by a deputy while in the parking lot at Tanger Outlets," O'Brien said. "The shooting is being investigated by BCI. Ms. Hissong was not seriously hurt in the crash."

A search of Ms. Hissong's vehicle revealed clothing items with security devices attached, a large bag used to conceal merchandise, and another bag containing pipes and pills. At the time of her arrest, she was found to have an active felony warrant out for her arrest for possession of cocaine.

A trial date has been set for October 31, 2017.



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KENTUCKY DUO INDICTED AFTER TANGER THEFT



A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against 32-year-old Shandreika N. Smith and 30-year-old Shannon M. Thornton, both of Kentucky.

Law enforcement received a call that two female customers were suspected of theft.

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Smith and Thornton are each charged with one count of theft – a fifth-degree felony, and one count of receiving

stolen property – a fifth-degree felony.

"In total, the duo is alleged to have stolen merchandise from approximately fifteen stores within the Tanger Outlet Mall," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Upon investigation, more than a dozen bags of clothing and miscellaneous other merchandise such as candles, decorative signs, and lamps were discovered in their vehicle."

Arraignment dates for Smith and Thornton are not yet set.



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FAKE TRAVELER CHECKS RESULT IN FORGERY CHARGES

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a five-count indictment against 37-year-old Anthony Lynn Sanders.

Charges come after an investigation into the use of fake American Express traveler checks at various central Ohio Target stores.

"Multiple transactions at multiple stores were completed in order to obtain general merchandise items, gift cards, and in some cases, even cash back," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Sanders is on parole in Michigan for similar crimes, and there are several warrants out for his arrest."

Sanders is charged with five counts of forgery – all fifth-degree felonies.

An arraignment date is not yet set.

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ARMINDA MARTIN ADMITS GUILT IN LEWIS CENTER CEMETERY SCHEME



Arminda Martin entered a guilty plea today in Delaware County Common Pleas Court

The former cemetery owner pleaded guilty to 15 counts of theft beyond the scope of consent, one of which is a third-degree felony, eight are fourth-degree felonies, and six are fifth-degree felonies. Multiple counts specify the crime as being committed against an elderly person.

A. Martin "As part of today's admission of guilt and negotiation, Ms. Martin waives her right to appeal and she will have to testify in any future hearings involving Theodore Martin, her husband and co-defendant in the case," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien.

Fairview Memorial Park in Lewis Center remains under the care of A.C. Strip. As receiver, he oversees the care and maintenance of the cemetery as well as takes any calls of concern or question from the community. Mr. Strip can be reached at (614) 228-6345.

Arminda Martin, 47, will be sentenced December 8 at 2 p.m. A trial for her husband and co-owner of the cemetery is set for trial next Tuesday, October 24.

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THEODORE MARTIN ADMITS GUILT IN LEWIS CENTER CEMETERY SCHEME

Theodore Martin entered a guilty plea today in Delaware County Common Pleas Court.

The former cemetery owner pleaded guilty to 14 counts of theft beyond the scope of

consent, one of which is a third-degree felony, four are fourth-degree felonies, and 10 are fifth-degree felonies. Multiple counts specify the crime as being committed against an elderly person.

T. Martin

"As part of today's admission of guilt and negotiation, Mr. Martin waives his right to appeal," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Restitution will be determined at the time of sentencing."

Theodore Martin, 54, and Arminda Martin, 47, will be sentenced December 8 at 2 p.m. The couple accepted money for services such as vaults and grave markers. Those services were never provided.

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HOME HEALTH CARE WORKER INDICTED AFTER ELDERLY CLIENTS REPORT THEFT

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 13-count indictment against 31-year-old Mallory Burns.

Burns, of Delaware, is named on an indictment alleging illegal activity from May 2016 through May 2017.

"Law enforcement responded after the daughter of one of Burns' elderly clients reported her mother's credit card was missing," said "Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Further investigation revealed several unauthorized charges that led to Mallory Burns."

Burns is charged with two counts of identity fraud – both third-degree felonies, an additional count of identity fraud – a fourth-degree felony, six counts of theft – all fifth-degree felonies, three counts of receiving stolen property – fifth-degree felonies, and one count of forgery – a fifth-degree felony.

Five victims are named in the indictment.

"In addition to missing credit cards, some victims reported cash and jewelry were missing as well," O'Brien said.

An arraignment date for Burns is not yet set.



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COLUMBUS DUO INDICTED FOR FORGERY AND IDENTITY FRAUD

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 28-count indictment against 24-year-old Charles Harvison and 24-year-old Joshua Saunders, both of Columbus.

Charges come after law enforcement responded to The Tanger Outlet Mall on a report of suspected fraudulent credit card use on Feb. 1, 2017.

"On scene Harvison and Saunders were found to have multiple credit and debit cards on their person," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "The number on the front of the cards did not match the number that registered once the magnetic strips were scanned."

Harvison is charged with six counts of forgery – fifth-degree felonies, and three counts of identity fraud – also fifth-degree felonies.

Saunders is charged with 14 counts of forgery – fifth-degree felonies, and five counts of identity fraud – also fifth-degree felonies.

In addition to the charges resulting from the February 1, 2017 call from Tanger, the indictment also lists January 30 and 31, 2017 as additional dates with similar illegal activity.

"During the course of the investigation, it was discovered both Harvison and Saunders were pictured on a crime alert from the Upper Arlington Division of Police," O'Brien said. "The community alert was requesting tips from the public on the then unidentified duo for similar criminal activity in other central Ohio stores."

Arraignment dates for Harvison and Saunders are not yet set.