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DUO INDICTED AFTER PNC BANK ROBBERY



A. Groce

J. Leon

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against 19-year-old Alonzo Groce and 24-year-old Jonathan Leon II, both of Columbus.

Charges come after an August 24th robbery in progress call at PNC Bank on Sandusky Street.

"A teller reported a man had entered the bank, pointed a gun and demanded cash," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "After receiving the money, the man left on foot but not before his image was captured on surveillance video."

While responding to the robbery call, officers noticed a suspicious vehicle had run a stop sign. They followed the car, considering it a vehicle of interest given the close proximity to the crime.

"Once a description of the suspect was provided by others on scene, the officers observing the car discerned it was possible the suspect was inside the vehicle," O'Brien said. "A car chase ensued to the Polaris Parkway area where both men were apprehended shortly after ditching their car and fleeing on foot."

Groce and Leon are each charged with aggravated robbery – a first-degree felony that carries a firearm specification. An additional specification naming Leon as a repeat violent offender is also included. Further, Leon faces a second charge of failure to comply with order or signal of police officer – a third-degree felony.

Arraignment dates are not yet set.

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MAN INDICTED AFTER WALGREENS AND FAMILY DOLLAR ROBBERIES



F. Price

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against 43-year-old Frederick Allen Price.

Charges come after officers responded to a robbery call at the London Road Walgreen's store.

"The cashier reported a man walked up to the register and demanded cash," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "The cashier fled from the register and the suspect exited the store."

The clerk was able to provide a description of the suspect and store surveillance video.

"While officers were investigating the Walgreen's crime, another robbery call came in," O'Brien said. "A man matching the same physical description had robbed the nearby Family Dollar store, this time making off with money."

Officers tracked Price to a trailer park off Sandusky Street. He is charged with two counts of robbery – both third-degree felonies.

An arraignment date is not yet set.



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FORMER HEDGE FUND MANAGER PLED GUILTY TO SECURITIES FRAUD

Following a criminal referral by the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Securities and a Delaware County grand jury indictment, Steven P. Moore, of New York City, a former Columbus, Ohio hedge fund manager for Moore & Company Capital Management, LLC pled guilty to one count of fraud in the sale of securities, a felony of the fourth degree. Moore agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$25,000 to an elderly victim he convinced to invest in his hedge fund.

Moore sold limited partnership interests in the Opportunity Fund, a hedge fund for which Moore & Company Capital Management, LLC was the general partner. The investment in the hedge fund was supposed to be used in the financial markets. The funds were used for purposes other than those presented to the elderly investor. Moore is scheduled to be sentenced on October 12, 2015. This case is being prosecuted by the office of the Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien, with First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kyle Rohrer serving as the trial attorney.

"Our elderly population is all too often the target of scams," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "We are pleased to have given this victim a voice and hope this sends a message to scammers that law enforcement is watching, and this type of deceptive criminal behavior will not be tolerated."

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The Division of Securities encourages potential investors to call the Division's Investor Protection Hotline at 1-877-683-7841 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?

Facebook Post: September 16, 2015

The couple indicted for burglary after a series of open house thefts last fall has been sentenced.

Krista, 34, and Zachary Gullufsen, 33, received three years community control each after pleading guilty to five counts of burglary – all third-degree felonies.

“The couple traveled from their residence in Clayton, Ohio to attend open houses in the central Ohio area,” said Delaware County First Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Rohrer. “When the homeowners returned, they reported items such as jewelry and prescription drugs missing.”

In addition to community control, the couple was ordered to pay \$8,495 in restitution. They must each serve 300 hours of community service and each pay a \$1,000 fine.



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EIGHT INDICTED IN CONNECTION TO RETAIL THEFT RING

A Delaware County Grand Jury has returned a 15-count indictment against eight defendants on charges associated with a retail theft ring.

“The defendants allegedly stole from retailers such as Meijer, Walmart, Giant Eagle, Kroger, Speedway, and more,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “They would sell the shoplifted items to a contact who would resell them for profit at auction houses in Bellevue and Clinton, Ohio.”

All eight defendants are charged with engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity – a first-degree felony and money laundering – a third-degree felony. All eight defendants face additional charges, listed below.

Wendy Emmons, 45, Justin Emmons, 26, and Michael Jenkins, 32, are additionally charged with four counts of theft – fifth-degree felonies. All three are from Marion.

Brittany Chafin, 23 of Delaware, Stevie Henry, 25 of Marion, and Sasha Steele, 23 of Marion, are additionally charged with two counts of theft – fifth-degree felonies.

Jordan Emmons, 23 of Marion, is additionally charged with three counts of theft – all fifth-degree felonies, and Philip Burkholder, 82 of Forest, is charged with two further counts of money laundering – both third-degree felonies.

“Many law enforcement agencies worked together to investigate this case,” O’Brien said. “Retailers in Crawford, Delaware, Franklin, Hancock, Logan, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Union Counties were affected.”

Items taken include everything from candy, beef jerky, laundry detergent and medicine to clothes, batteries, fishing lures, knives and more.

Arraignment dates have not yet been set.



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TWO SENTENCED AFTER ROAD RAGE FATALITY



R. Stephens



A. Miller

On November 1, 2014, 43-year-old Brenda Stephens died after being thrown from the passenger seat of a vehicle driven by her husband, Richard C. Stephens, of Marion.

Mr. Stephens was involved in a road rage incident with another vehicle driven by Andrew Miller, also of Marion.

Mr. Stephens, 36, entered a plea of guilt in May to aggravated vehicular homicide – a third-degree felony, and improperly handling firearms – a fourth-degree felony. He was sentenced today to 24 months in prison, a \$5,000 fine, and three years post release control.

Mr. Miller, 30, entered a plea of guilt today to aggravated vehicular homicide – a third-degree felony. He was sentenced to 24 months in prison, a \$5,000 fine, and three years post release control. Mr. Miller and Mr. Stephens are acquaintances.

“Nothing we do as prosecutors can ever bring back a loved one,” said Delaware County First Assistant Prosecutor, Kyle Rohrer. “This is a tragic, senseless incident showing just how deadly a vehicle can be when used irresponsibly.”

In addition to the above sentences, both Mr. Stephens and Mr. Miller have lost their right to drive, for life.