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State v. Rodney Marshall, Jr.
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The final defendant in this case was sentenced today to serve 10 years in the penitentiary. Defendant Rodney J. Marshall, Jr., 26, of Clayton, was the ringleader of a theft ring involving five defendants. The co-defendants were Stephanie Aiello, Melissa Barnett, Douglas Rix and Nancy Warrix. These defendants were all convicted of felony theft offenses in multiple jurisdictions.

Beginning in November, 2007, an unusually high number of thefts and burglaries were reported in the northwestern portion of Montgomery County. A task force from Clayton, Jackson Township, German Township, Perry Township and New Lebanon was formed to investigate these thefts. The investigation identified the defendants. Defendant Marshall was convicted of 18 counts:

- Two counts of Grand Theft (motor vehicle)
- Four counts of Theft
- One count of Receiving Stolen Property (motor vehicle)
- Four counts of Burglary
- Three counts of Breaking & Entering
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability (prior offense of violence)
- Two counts of Receiving Stolen Property (firearm)
- One count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity

Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. said, "The residents of these jurisdictions can rest easier at night knowing these defendants have been convicted for their crime spree. The leader of their criminal enterprise will now spend the next decade behind bars."

Further, Prosecuting Attorney Heck commended the police agencies that investigated these offenses. "The cooperation between departments led to the quick identification and arrest of these defendants," Heck said.

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