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Former Executive Director of Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio Convicted for Theft of \$671K; Judge Sentences to Probation

State v. Angela Burnham 2015-CR-1263

DAYTON, OH (05/27/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Angela Kay Burnham**, 40, of Springboro, was sentenced by Judge Mary Wiseman to probation for her conviction on aggravated theft of over \$671,000 from the non-profit Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio while she was the Executive Director.

In 2011, the Board of Directors of the Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio appointed the defendant, who was a long time employee, as the Executive Director. As such, she had control of the organization's payroll and sole access to the credit card.

An investigation into the financial activity of the non-profit uncovered that the defendant had made thousands of dollars in personal transactions on the group's credit card and had unauthorized checks totaling thousands of dollars issued. Additionally, the defendant paid to herself hundreds of thousands of dollars in payroll checks for which she was not entitled. The money went towards cars, a motorcycle, gambling trips to casinos, and cash withdrawals from ATMs at casinos. In total, \$671,661 was stolen from the charity.

The defendant was convicted of Aggravated Theft over \$150,000, Money Laundering and three counts of Forgery. Over the objections of the State and the victim, the Lions Eye Bank, the court sentenced the defendant to probation and ordered her to serve 90 days in the county jail. She was also ordered to pay \$2,500 in restitution to the non-profit, to cover its' insurance deductible.

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