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Deputy Sheriff and Former FOP Lodge Treasurer Guilty of Grand Theft
Will Permanently Surrender his Peace Officer Certification and Repay Money
State v. Joseph Caito, 2016-CR-3771

DAYTON, OH (12/22/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **JOSEPH CAITO**, 34, of Washington Township, was found guilty on a count of Grand Theft relating to his theft of over \$92,000 from the Montgomery County FOP Lodge 104.

The defendant served as the Treasurer of the Montgomery County FOP Lodge 104. From approximately September 2014 to August 2016, the defendant stole \$92,148.21 from the lodge's various accounts, and deposited the funds into his own personal account or used the FOP's debit card for personal transactions.

Today, the defendant was found guilty by a Bill of Information to one count of Grand Theft of over \$7,500, a 4th-degree felony.

As part of the plea and conviction, the defendant will be ordered to make full restitution to the lodge as well as surrender his Ohio Peace Officer certification. He will be sentenced on January 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Prosecutor Heck added, "Police Officers are in a position of trust and take an oath to uphold the law. This defendant stole nearly \$100,000 from his fellow officers."

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