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## **Centerville Man Guilty of Theft from Mother**

*State v. Robert Gibson 2014-CR-4218*

**DAYTON, OH (08/14/2015)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Robert Jay Gibson**, 51, of Centerville, has been found guilty of the theft of over \$150,000 from his mother.

The defendant became co-power of attorney over his mother's financial affairs in 1999. Beginning in 2007, the defendant began taking his mother's money by various methods. The defendant transferred money to his account; he wrote checks and used her debit card for his personal expenses from the victim's account; he also deposited her checks into his own account. When the co-power of attorney discovered the money was missing, he confronted the defendant.

A complaint was filed with the Prosecutor's Consumer Fraud Unit, and an investigation was launched.

Today, the defendant entered a no-contest plea and was found guilty on one count of Theft From an Elderly or Disabled Adult over \$150,000, a first-degree felony.

Restitution of over \$150,000 will be ordered at the time of sentencing, on September 24, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "Every person who has a power of attorney over someone else's assets has a duty to protect that persons assets on their behalf, and must recognize the funds still belong to the other person. The Power of Attorney must act in the best interests of the other person and is not entitled to use the money for their own needs."

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