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Couple Guilty as Charged in Moraine City Pawn Trial

State v. Jeffrey & Lisa Rich, 2014-CR-3225

DAYTON, OH (08/16/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Jeffrey R. Rich**, 53, and **Lisa J. Rich**, 53, of Dayton, have been found guilty by a jury of selling stolen merchandise in a theft scheme out of the pawn shop business they owned and operated in Moraine.

Between December 1, 2012 and April 19, 2013, the defendants operated a scheme in which drug users, mainly heroin addicts, would steal merchandise from local retail stores, and then the drug addicts would sell the merchandise to the defendants. The defendants would then sell the stolen property out of their business, Moraine City Pawn, or on eBay.

A lengthy investigation by the Moraine Police Department uncovered the extent of the operation, believed to have involved hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stolen merchandise.

After a trial, the jury found the defendants guilty of:

- One count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity
- One count of Money Laundering
- Five counts of Receiving Stolen Property

In addition defendant Jeffrey Rich was also found guilty on two additional counts of Receiving Stolen Property.

The defendants will be sentenced on September 30, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "These defendants ran an illegal steal-buy-sell operation. In addition to subjecting local businesses to loss of income and profits due to the theft of their merchandise, it also brought drug addicts into our community looking to sell the defendants the stolen merchandise for money to support illegal drug habits. These defendants deserve a lengthy prison sentence."

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