



THE PROSECUTOR

newsletter from

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Local Burglary Ring Busted

Burglary Ring targeted Belmont, Linden Heights and Old North Dayton neighborhoods

On June 18th, 2014, three defendants, 18 year old Robert S. Bingham, 32 year old Brad E. Philbeck and 25 year old Brittany L. Wilson, were indicted by the Montgomery County Grand Jury for their participation in a theft ring. In 2013, there occurred a pattern of break-ins in the Belmont, Linden Heights and Old North Dayton neighborhoods of Dayton. In nearly all of the incidents, the same "m.o." was used - the suspects would break into a detached garage, take anything of value, and leave through the overhead door. Some garages were broken into multiple times.

The suspects took a wide range of property, including tools, lawn equipments, bicycles, motorcycles, dirt bikes, ATV's, electronics, toys, etc. In January, 2014, police received information that one of the defendants had sold property that had been reported stolen in November, 2013. A subsequent check of pawn tickets revealed that the same defendant had pawned other items that had also been reported stolen in the rash of break-ins.

A search warrant was executed at the home of the defendants, where a garage full of stolen property was discovered. The property was cataloged and much of it has been returned to the rightful owners. However, many items have still not been claimed. It is believed that these defendants are responsible for committing as many as 45 break-ins. If you have any information about these crimes, please call the Dayton Police Department at 333-COPS (333-2677).

As of the time of printing, a warrant is active for Robert Bingham, and hearings in common pleas court are set for the other two defendants.

Prosecutor Heck has some tips to help avoid being a victim of such crimes:

- Make sure you have good, working locks and proper lighting around the exterior of your home and garage. A security alarm system is best, but often times a dog is just as effective in scaring off would-be thieves.
- If you see something strange, call the police or call your neighbor
- Make a list of your property. Record the manufacturer, model and serial number.
- Photograph or video your property. In the event of a theft, burglary, fire or other loss, this is invaluable. Also, it's a good idea to keep a copy of the photos or video "off site."
- Consider joining or starting a neighborhood watch group.
- If you are going to be away from your home for a number of days, ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail and newspapers.
- Don't advertise when you won't be at home. Don't post messages on Facebook or other social media sites about upcoming vacations.

By doing these simple but basic things, you can lessen the chances of becoming the victim of a burglary.

Child Molesters Convicted and Sentenced to Prison



Jarod Jones



Michael Bohannon

On April 18, 2013 in the case of State v. Jones, 2013-CR-1240, the victim, now 11 years old, told staff members at her school that the defendant, 29 year old Jarod Jones, of Dayton, had sexually assaulted her on multiple occasions. The defendant was the boyfriend of one of the victim's relatives.

On May 30, 2014, a jury returned guilty as charged verdicts on two counts of rape of a child under 10 years of age, one count of rape of a child under 13 years of age, and two counts of gross sexual imposition of a child under 13. On June 17, 2014, the defendant was sentenced to serve 45 years to life in prison.

On June 4, 2014 in the case of State v. Bohannon, 2013-CR-2922, the defendant, 60 year old Michael Bohannon, of Riverside, was found guilty of eight counts of rape, five counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material or performance, six counts of gross sexual imposition of a child under 13, two counts of importuning, one count each of pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor, complicity to commit tampering with evidence and possession of criminal tools.

Over a period of approximately five years, the defendant had inappropriate sexual contact with five girls starting when they were between the ages of six and eight years old. The defendant was described as a family friend of one of the victims. The victims, now ages 13 to 17 years old, disclosed the abuse to law enforcement.

On June 27, 2014, the defendant was sentenced to serve 33 years and nine months in the penitentiary. The defendant will be designated a Tier III sex offender when he is released from prison, however he will be approximately 93 years old before he is eligible for parole.

Prosecutor Heck noted, "These defendants both sexually abused young girls. These cases should serve as a reminder to all of us that we have the responsibility, and should have the courage, to report any suspected child abuse."

Vote. It's a Right and a Responsibility.

The right to vote is one of the most vital rights that the constitution gives us and is one of the privileges for which many have fought, marched, and died to protect throughout our nation's history. As your elected Prosecuting Attorney, I want to ensure that your right to vote is protected.

The next general election will be on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 6:30am to 7:30pm. In the event that you experience any irregularities in the voting process, you should contact your county Board of Elections. Montgomery County voters can call 937-225-5656 if they are unable to vote or experience any difficulties in voting or observe suspicious conduct at the polling place.

To qualify to vote in Ohio, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen
- 18 years old on or before the next general election
- a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before election day
- registered to vote at least 30 days before election day (October 6, 2014 deadline)
- are not incarcerated for a felony conviction
- have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court
- have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election law

Currently, the dates and times for early in-person voting at the board of elections are:

- 8am to 5pm, Tuesday through Friday, October 7 through October 10
- 8am to 5pm, Tuesday through Friday, October 14 through October 17
- 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, October 20 through October 24
- 8am to 4pm, Saturday October 25
- 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, October 27 through October 31
- 8am to 4pm, Saturday November 1
- 1pm to 5pm, Sunday November 2
- 8am to 2pm, Monday, November 3

To vote by absentee ballot, your absentee ballot request form must be received by noon, November 1, 2014. (The form can be requested from the Board of Elections or online at www.mcboe.org. You can also pick up and complete a form in the lobby of our office and we'll even make sure it gets to the Board of Elections.) Currently, absentee voting is to begin October 7, 2014. If you mail your completed absentee ballot, it must be postmarked no later than November 3, 2014. You may also drop off your completed absentee ballot at your county board of elections office before the close of polls on election day in order for it to count, which is 7:30pm, November 4, 2014. For more information, go to the Montgomery County Board of Elections website, www.mcboe.org, or call 937-225-5656.



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OFFICE STAFF UPDATES

New office staff members since the last update:

DATE	NAME	POSITION AND ASSIGNMENT
6/16/2014	Hope Smalls	Assistant Prosecutor, Child Protection Unit
6/26/2014	Dylan Smearcheck	Assistant Prosecutor, Juvenile Division
8/4/2014	Richard Glennon III	Assistant Prosecutor, Child Protection Unit
8/11/2014	Emily Sluk	Assistant Prosecutor, Criminal Division

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