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Press Release

Re: *State of Ohio vs. Robert Tackett #15-CR-0188*  
*State of Ohio vs. Roger Hemry #15-CR-0189*

Greetings:

On November 16, 2015 Robert E. Tackett pled guilty to all fourteen (14) counts in his indictment charging him with eleven (11) counts of Breaking & Entering, Possession of Criminal Tools, Safecracking, and Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity. Tackett had been arrested on August 16, 2015 in New Riegel, Ohio after having been observed by law enforcement Breaking & Entering into the New Riegel Moose and stealing various items including liquor. Tackett is seventy-seven (77) years old and was residing at the time in Lima, Ohio.

The Seneca County Prosecutor's Office handled the prosecution of the case and included cases of Breaking & Entering from several other Ohio counties for crimes dating back to May including Hancock County, Van Wert County, Miami County, Darke County, Putnam County, Allen County, and Ottawa County. According to Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine, "Most of the crimes involved fraternal organizations but there were a couple of small bars broken into as well." Mr. Tackett has a significant history of criminal activity with convictions in at least seven Ohio counties for felony offenses. "Mr. Tackett was convicted of his first felony in 1958 and despite numerous efforts at rehabilitation, has continued to engage in criminal activity," said DeVine.

In the current crime spree Mr. Tackett was aided by Roger Hemry. Mr. Hemry pled guilty to the same fourteen (14) charges and was sentenced to a total prison term of fifty-nine (59) months by Visiting Judge Faulkner on October 26, 2015. According to Mr. DeVine, "We are hoping for a longer sentence for Mr. Tackett based on all of his prior convictions." Mr. Tackett will be sentenced once a pre-sentence investigation has been completed.

The cases involving Mr. Tackett and Mr. Hemry were investigated by all of the local jurisdictions where the crimes occurred, however, Van Wert County Sheriff, Allen County Sheriff, and Lima Police Departments were essential in the coordination of the effort to end this crime spree. Those departments had successfully obtained a court order to place a GPS transponder on Mr. Hemry's vehicle and on August 15-

16 followed Mr. Henry and Mr. Tackett from Lima to various spots in Findlay and finally to New Riegel where Mr. Henry and Mr. Tackett were caught breaking into the New Riegel Moose. Said DeVine, "Detective Clark from Van Wert County brought me a binder with all of the information from every county ready to prosecute. He and the other officers did an excellent job insuring that this crime spree came to an end. It is important for all of us to understand that crime doesn't stop at a boundary on a map and that good criminal investigation into activities like these require dedicated effort from officers from many agencies."