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## **Delaware County Resident Pleads Guilty to Theft**

**Columbus, Ohio** – Following a referral from the Ohio Division of Securities and an indictment returned by a Delaware County Grand Jury, Bruce Durr, Jr. of Westerville, pleaded guilty today to four counts of theft, all felonies of the fourth degree.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office of the Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. The conviction stems from allegations that Durr, Jr. solicited and received \$69,400 from four Ohio residents to invest in The Denture Place, a new company touted as a denture manufacturer.

“Instead of investing the money as promised, Durr, Jr. used the funds for personal expenses,” O'Brien said. “The denture company never opened, and investors were not refunded.”

The conviction spans from September 2014 through January 2015.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 3. A presentence report was ordered by Judge Everett H. Krueger. Durr, Jr. faces a maximum of 6 years in prison.

### **About the Ohio Division of Securities**

The Ohio Division of Securities (ODS) administers the Ohio Securities Act by licensing securities salespersons, dealers, investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives. The Division also registers securities offered for sale to Ohioans. Additionally, the ODS investigates alleged violations of the Ohio Securities Act and enforces its provisions through administrative actions, civil injunctive actions and criminal prosecutions.

To avoid potential financial fraud, investors are encouraged to call the Division's Investor Protection Hotline at 877-683-7841 before they invest money and ask:

- Is the brokerage firm and salesperson licensed to sell securities in Ohio?
- Have any enforcement actions been taken against them?
- Has the security been properly registered with the Division of Securities?

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