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### **Case Dismissed Against Former Stow BMV Deputy Registrar**

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, March 04, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that the case against Alfred Mason, 49, of Derby Downs Drive in Solon, has been dismissed.

In December 2015, a Summit County Grand Jury indicted Mr. Mason on the following charge:

- Unauthorized use of computer, cable, or telecommunication property – a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree

Mr. Mason was the Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Stow. On September 29, 2015, Mr. Mason assisted a customer who was renewing their driver's license and registration. Later that day, Mr. Mason contacted the customer via text message to ask the customer out on a date. Investigators with the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles looked into the matter and determined Mr. Mason illegally used an office computer to obtain the customer's contact information. Mr. Mason resigned and the Stow Bureau of Motor Vehicles was closed for approximately four months. Upon further review, The Summit County Prosecutor's Office discovered Mr. Mason did not use an office computer to retrieve the customer's information, and therefore dismissed the case.

"In preparation for trial, prosecutors were unable to find evidence Mr. Mason obtained the customer's phone number through the state computer," said Chief Counsel Brad Gessner. "With only evidence of the number coming from the customer's check and not from computer access, Mr. Mason's behavior may have been unprofessional and in violation of his job duties, but he did not commit a crime."