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**FORMER MAHONING-YOUNGSTOWN COMMUNITY ACTION
PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INDICTED**

On October 25, 2012, the Mahoning County Grand Jury issued a four count indictment against Richard Roller, Jr., the Former Executive Director of the Mahoning-Youngstown Community Action Partnership (MYCAP). The grand jury indicted Roller on one count of Theft in Office, a felony of the third degree, Grand Theft and Having an Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract, both fourth degree felonies and Soliciting or Receiving Improper Compensation, a first degree misdemeanor.

The charges stem from a joint investigation by the Ohio Ethics Commission, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio. Micah Ault, an assistant attorney general with the Ohio Attorney General's Office has been assigned as a special prosecutor in the matter.

The filing of an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. Any person charged is entitled to a trial in which it would be the state's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.