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Butler County Auditor Indicted on Public Corruption Charges

(HAMILTON, Ohio) — Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost today announced <u>the indictment of Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds</u> following a public corruption investigation.

A Butler County grand jury indicted Reynolds, 52, on:

- One count of bribery, a third-degree felony
- Two counts of unlawful interest in a public contract, both fourth-degree felonies
- One count of unlawful use of authority, a first-degree misdemeanor
- One count of conflict of interest, a first-degree misdemeanor

The indictment alleges that Reynolds leveraged his public office to further personal interest.

The case was investigated by the Butler County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Ohio Ethics Commission and is being prosecuted in Butler County Common Pleas Court by the Special Prosecutions Section of the Attorney General's Office.

The Attorney General's Office will be transmitting a copy of the indictment to the Ohio Supreme Court under Ohio Revised Code 3.16, which authorizes the Court to initiate suspension proceedings against a public official who has been charged with a felony in a state or federal court when the felony relates to the performance of the official's duties.

Indictments are criminal allegations. Defendants are presumed innocent unless proved guilty in a court of law.