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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR REPEAT DRUNK DRIVER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Johnny Deloach, 59, was found guilty of his tenth drunk driving offense in Ohio for an incident that occurred in 2024. This was Deloach's fourth Felony Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) conviction in Ohio, and his eleventh OVI conviction overall, with prior offenses spanning from 2001 to 2021.

Deloach pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, with a Specification for Additional Prison Term for Certain Repeat OVI Offenders – a 3rd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Drug of Abuse or a Combination of Them, with a Specification for Additional Prison Term for Certain Repeat OVI Offenders – a 3rd Degree Felony.

“With so many safe and affordable ride-share options available, there’s no excuse for this kind of reckless behavior. Summit County takes safe driving seriously, as shown through our Arrive Alive program, which offers free or discounted rides on select holidays. I’m grateful no one was harmed by Mr. Deloach’s actions and commend the Bath Police Department for their swift response,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In October 2024, dispatchers received a report from a citizen who stated they had been forced off the interstate by a vehicle that was weaving through traffic. Upon arrival, Bath police officers observed the suspect vehicle failing to maintain its lane. During contact with the driver, identified as Deloach, officers detected the odor of alcohol and observed an open container of alcohol inside the vehicle. While speaking to officers during the traffic stop, Deloach admitted to drinking but refused to submit a breath sample at the police station.

Deloach is scheduled to be sentenced on March 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

The Arrive Alive Program, a campaign to prevent drunk driving, is offered during the St. Patrick’s Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve holidays. It was first launched during the July 4th holiday weekend in 2018. Since its launch, 7,760 people have used the service.

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