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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES PRISON TIME, CLASS TWO LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR REPEAT OVI OFFENDER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Johnny Deloach, 59, was sentenced to 5 years in prison and 2 years of post-release control for a drunk driving offense 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 was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 mandatory fine, and received a class two license suspension, which carries the potential for a lifetime suspension.

“Between public transit, ride-share options, and more, there is zero excuse for drunk driving in Summit County,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“I am grateful that no one was injured or killed due to Deloach’s actions, and hopefully this sentence means he is done endangering innocent people on our streets for good.”**

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.

Prosecutor Kolkovich is dedicated to deterring drunk driving in Summit County communities. That’s why he sponsors the Arrive Alive Program, which provides free and reduced-fair ride-share coupons during select annual holidays. The program 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, more than 8,000 people have used the service.

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