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HARRISON AREA USED-CAR DEALER SENTENCED TODAY

COLUMBUS - A Hamilton County judge sentenced a used-car dealer from Harrison to six years in prison today for defrauding a bank out of more than \$300,000 and providing bogus titles to 11 customers of his dealership. Albert Lee Brown, the owner of Lee Brown Auto Center in Harrison, was sentenced by Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Jerome Metz after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated theft, four counts of tampering with records and 11 counts of theft. All of the charges are felonies.

Brown, 64, was indicted on February 8, 2013, on 31 felonies following an investigation by BMV Investigator Alicia Robbins and Hamilton County Sheriff's Detective Mike Stock. The investigation by Robbins and Stock confirmed that Brown defrauded Merchants Bank and Trust out of more than \$300,000 by falsifying affidavits and providing replacement titles to customers for vehicles on which the bank had liens.

Brown pleaded guilty to the 16 counts on Wednesday and was sentenced this morning. He faced a maximum sentence of 36 years in prison.

To view Brown's mug shot, click:

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/img/brown.jpg>

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