

# Ohio Investigative Unit



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### Four indicted in June Ashtabula County crash

**(Columbus, Ohio)** - - On August 25, an Ashtabula County Grand Jury indicted four individuals who were found to have played a role in a fatal crash in June. The Ohio Investigative Unit and the Ohio State Highway Patrol conducted the investigation. This is the first time since the trace-back program began that an investigation resulted in involuntary manslaughter charges.

Agents and troopers determined that Tracie T. Pascoe, Marilou Tipton and Jacob Pascoe hosted a party with underage individuals consuming alcohol on June 3, at their Geneva residence.

Tracie T. Pascoe, 49, was indicted on one count of involuntary manslaughter and two counts of furnishing alcohol to underage persons. Tipton, 71, was indicted on one count each of involuntary manslaughter and furnishing alcohol to an underage person. Jacob Pascoe, 18, was indicted on one count each of involuntary manslaughter, obstructing justice, obstructing official business and furnishing alcohol to underage persons.

The grand jury also indicted Adam R. Wright, 18, of Geneva, on two counts each of aggravated vehicular homicide and operating a motor vehicle under the influence as well as one count of underage consumption. Wright ran a stop sign, struck another vehicle, and killed the driver Alexandria M. Struhar. Prior to the crash, Wright was at a party at the home of Tipton and Pascoe.

Trace-back investigations involve tracing the source of alcohol, whether it is sold or provided to an underage or an already intoxicated individual, following a serious injury or fatal crash, or an alcohol-related incident.

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