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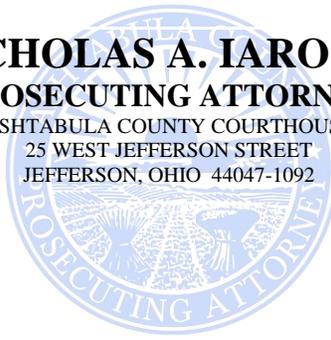
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On December 4, 2017, the criminal cases against three co-defendants and family members related to the June 4, 2015 Harpersfield Township traffic fatality involving the victim 20-year old Alexandria Marie Struhar, were resolved.

As part of a plea agreement with the State of Ohio, each of the following defendants entered *No Contest* pleas before Ashtabula County Common Pleas Judge Marianne Sezon as follows:

TRACIE T. PASCOE

1. Attempted Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony of the fourth degree.
2. Furnishing Alcohol to Underage Persons, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

JACOB PASCOE

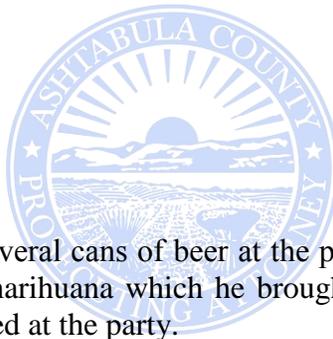
1. Obstructing Official Business, a misdemeanor of the second degree.
2. Furnishing Alcohol to Underage Persons, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

MARILOU TIPTON

1. Furnishing Alcohol to Underage Persons, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Charges against these co-defendants stem from a trace-back investigation conducted by the Ohio Department of Public Safety - Ohio Investigative Unit. The investigation uncovered the circumstances that precipitated the accident at the intersection of Van Pelt Road and State Route 84 which tragically ended the life of Ms. Struhar. A party occurred at the residence of Marilou Tipton, Tracie Pascoe, and Jacob Pascoe in Harpersfield Township in the evening of June 3, 2015. Eighteen-year old Jacob Pascoe arranged and hosted the party for underage persons, and it is alleged that Tracie Pascoe purchased and supplied the beer, ice, and coolers to be consumed by those underage persons attending the party, which included 18-year old Adam Wright. Marilou Tipton, who owns the residence, allegedly was aware of the party and that alcohol would be possessed and consumed by underage persons, and allowed the party to take place at her residence. While Tracie Pascoe established rules for the underage persons being permitted to drink alcohol at the residence, she failed to enforce those rules, particularly with respect to Adam Wright.

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Adam Wright consumed several cans of beer at the party, including doing “beer bong”, and was also observed smoking marihuana which he brought to the party. Adam Wright was observed to be extremely intoxicated at the party.

Shortly after midnight and into the early morning hours of June 4, 2015, Adam Wright left the Tipton/Pascoe residence in his motor vehicle in a highly intoxicated state. Adam Wright traveled a short distance from the residence, and upon approaching the intersection of Van Pelt Road and State Route 84 failed to yield to a stop sign while traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Van Pelt Road. In doing so, Adam Wright caused a collision with the vehicle driven by Alexandria Marie Struhar which was traveling in the westbound lane of SR 84. Adam Wright was observed to be highly intoxicated at the accident scene. Following the accident, Adam Wright’s blood alcohol level was determined to be 0.173 (the legal limit for an underage person is 0.02), and his urine tested positive for marihuana.

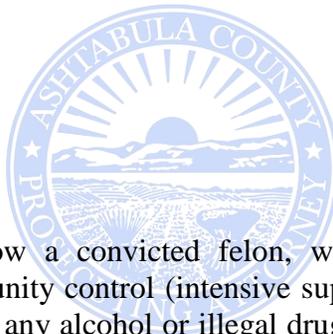
The day after the accident, Jacob Pascoe is alleged to have contacted and met with witnesses who attended the party to ensure that the witnesses would not implicate his mother Tracie Pascoe and grandmother Marilou Tipton, particularly to avoid the incident having any negative impact on his grandmother’s real estate license.

Jacob Pascoe hosted a party of underage persons who were drinking alcohol, and communicated false information to many of same party-goers after the party as a means of attempting to have them avoid implicating his mother and grandmother. Tracie Pascoe not only allowed the underage party to take place, but allegedly took an active role in doing so by providing the alcohol, ice, and coolers for such party. Marilou Tipton allegedly knew the underage party was going to occur and aware that it was taking place at her residence, and allowed the party to occur and continue once it started.

In March 2017, the charges against Adam Wright were dismissed without prejudice since Mr. Wright was found by the court not to be competent to stand trial after a forensic evaluation, as a result of serious injuries Mr. Wright sustained in a non-alcohol related accident subsequent to the car accident that resulted in Ms. Struhar’s death.

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Public Safety- Ohio Investigative Unit, the law enforcement agencies responsible for the trace-back investigation, this case represents the first in the State of Ohio and therefore establishes a precedence in the prosecution of those on charges of involuntary manslaughter who provide alcohol to and a location for underage persons to consume. While dozens of misdemeanor prosecutions/convictions have occurred throughout the State, the conviction of Tracie Pascoe in this case represents the first conviction for felony charges of involuntary manslaughter.

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Tracie Pascoe, who is now a convicted felon, was sentenced by Judge Sezon by agreement of the parties to community control (intensive supervision probation) for a period of two years; ordered not to consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; ordered to perform 150 hours of community service, and ordered to pay court costs, and a \$2,000 fine which can be satisfied if she pays \$1,000 to a charitable organization which purpose is to increase awareness against drunk driving. Jacob Pascoe was sentenced by agreement of the parties to community control (intensive supervision probation) for a period of two years; ordered not to consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; ordered to be assessed for any alcohol or drug conditions; ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, and ordered to pay court costs, and a \$1,500 fine which can be satisfied if she pays \$1,000 to a charitable organization which purpose is to increase awareness against drunk driving. Marilou Tipton was sentenced by agreement of the parties to community control (intensive supervision probation) for a period of two years, and ordered to pay court costs.

Tracie Pascoe was represented by Ariana Tarighati, Jacob Pascoe was represented by M. Stewart Douglas, and Marilou Tipton was represented by William Bobulsky.

The State of Ohio was represented by Prosecutor Nicholas A. Iarocci and Chief Assistant Prosecutor Cecilia M. Cooper.

On behalf of my office and all of the law enforcement agencies involved, we offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Alexandria Marie Struhar.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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