

Walters Receives Treatment In Lieu of Conviction

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A Miami County judge has approved a former sheriff's deputy's request for treatment in lieu of conviction of a theft-related offense.

Tony Walters, 41, of New Carlisle was indicted last year on a felony charge of theft in office for allegedly stealing a digital camera from the sheriff's office and reams of paper and trash bags from the county park district.

The thefts allegedly took place between January and September 2007 while he was working as the sheriff department's parks deputy.

The charge last summer was sent to the Municipal Court on the condition Walters pleaded to a misdemeanor of attempted theft in office. Walters pleaded not guilty and later filed the motion for treatment in lieu of conviction.

Judge Elizabeth Gutmann approved the request for treatment in lieu of conviction in late December after Walters pleaded guilty to attempted theft.

The charge will remain pending while Walters undergoes an agreed treatment plan. He also will be under the supervision of the court probation department for one year.

Sheriff Charles Cox terminated Walters' employment in summer 2012 during an internal investigation into the alleged thefts. He filed a grievance over the firing.

A settlement in the grievance was reached with the county last summer.

As part of settlement, the sheriff rescinded the termination of Walters' employment. Walters, in turn, was to submit a letter of resignation.

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The sheriff's office also paid Walters \$10,000 less standard deductions and provided neutral references to potential employees of Walters, with comments limited to beginning and ending dates of employment and rates of pay.