

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DARKE COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

STATE OF OHIO

: Case No.

:

: Judge

v.

:

: **INDICTMENT**

: **Charges:**

WILLIAM S. CAMERON,

:

: **Count 1**

Defendant.

: Grand Theft (F4), R.C. 2913.02(A)(3);

:

: **Count 2**

: Telecommunications Fraud (F3) R.C.
2913.05(A)

State of Ohio)

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Darke County)

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY OF THE STATE OF OHIO, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1) Beginning on or about June 22, 2013, **WILLIAM S. CAMERON** ("Cameron") began a criminal course of conduct that defrauded more than thirty victims in Ohio—including Darke County—Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Arizona, California, New York, Kentucky, Mississippi, Michigan, and Tennessee out of more than ten thousand dollars.
- 2) Cameron utilized the internet website craigslist, a site where people anywhere in the world can post items for sale or items they are looking to purchase online free of charge. Cameron visited craigslist and sought out people who were looking to purchase a specific item on craigslist, such as tickets to sporting events, automotive parts, or farm equipment. Cameron would then contact that victim through the phone, electronic mail, or a text message and falsely claim that he had the item the victim was looking and would sell it to them.
- 3) Typically, after the victim had agreed to a price, Cameron would make up a story about how he was moving, owned a shipping company, or had some other circumstance that required the victim to quickly pay the money in order to complete the transaction. Continuing with that story, Cameron would usually instruct the victim to wire him a portion of the money through Western Union, MoneyGram, or another wire transfer service. After Cameron received the money, Cameron usually lied to the victim and told them that the item would be shipped. None of Cameron's victims ever

received any items.

- 4) Often, Cameron would have several conversations with the victim until he had secured the money through the wire service. At that point, Cameron broke off contact with the victim. Several times, victims would continue to call Cameron and demand their money back. To avoid them, Cameron would occasionally change his phone number to prevent the victims from contacting him.
- 5) From on or about June 22, 2013, until his arrest on November 21, 2013, Cameron utilized the scheme described above, or one substantially similar, to steal more than ten thousand dollars from more than thirty victims.

COUNT ONE
GRAND THEFT
R.C. 2913.02

Offense Date: **On or about June 22, 2013 - November 21, 2013**

Offense Level: **Fourth Degree Felony**

- 1) **WILLIAM S. CAMERON** did knowingly, from on or about June 22, 2013, through November 21, 2013, in Darke County, Ohio, and elsewhere, through a continuing course of conduct involving two or more occasions, not isolated and not so closely related to each other and connected in time and place that they constitute a single event, obtain control over property, namely \$7,500 or more but less than \$150,000 in currency, of another with purpose to deprive the owners thereof by deception, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.02(A)(3), being a felony of the fourth degree.

In violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.02, against the Peace and Dignity of the State of Ohio.

COUNT TWO
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRAUD
R.C. 2913.05


Offense Date: **On or about June 22, 2013 - November 21, 2013**

Offense Level: **Third Degree Felony**

- 1) **WILLIAM S. CAMERON** did knowingly, from on or about June 22, 2013, through November 21, 2013, in Darke County, Ohio, and elsewhere, through a continuing course of conduct involving two or more occasions, not isolated and not so closely related to each other and connected in time and place that they constitute a single event, having devised a scheme to defraud, knowingly disseminated or transmitted by means of telecommunication any writing, data, or image with purpose to execute the scheme to defraud, the total value of the benefit obtained by the offender being more than \$7,500 but less than \$150,000, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.05(A), being a felony of the third degree.

In violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.05, against the Peace and Dignity of the State of Ohio.

This Bill of Indictment found upon testimony sworn and sent before the Grand Jury at the Request of the Prosecuting Attorney.


Foreperson of the Grand Jury

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