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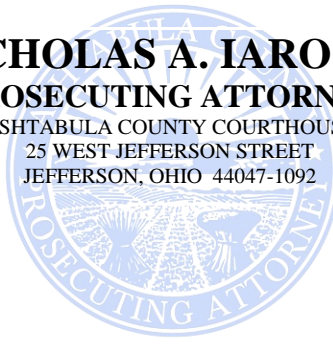
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PRESS RELEASE

On January 17, 2019, **Reginald M. Holman**, a former Ward 3 Councilman for the City of Ashtabula, pled guilty in Eastern County Court to one count of **Attempted Election Falsification**, a first degree misdemeanor.

In exchange for Mr. Holman's **guilty** plea, the pending charges of Election Falsification (two counts) and False Voter Registration (one count), all of which are fifth degree felonies, will be dismissed by the State.

Mr. Holman appeared before Judge Harold E. Specht of Eastern County Court with his attorney Malcolm Stewart Douglas. After entering a plea of **guilty** to the charge, Judge Specht sentenced Mr. Holman to ninety (90) days in jail, all of which are suspended, and placed Mr. Holman on one year of probation. Judge Specht also ordered Mr. Holman to pay a \$150 fine and court costs.

Mr. Holman's **guilty** plea to an elections falsification charge and sentence represents a fair resolution of this case. Indeed, Mr. Holman resigned his position as Ward 3 Councilman and was removed from the voter rolls by the Board of Elections as a result of the investigation conducted by the Ashtabula Police Department and the Board of Elections, and the filing of related criminal charges.

The Ashtabula County Board of Elections and law enforcement take very seriously crimes of elections and voter fraud, and my office will not hesitate to criminally charge and prosecute offenders of Ohio's voter laws.

I would like to thank the Ashtabula Police Department, the Ashtabula City Solicitor's Office, and the Ashtabula County Board of Elections for their work on this case.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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