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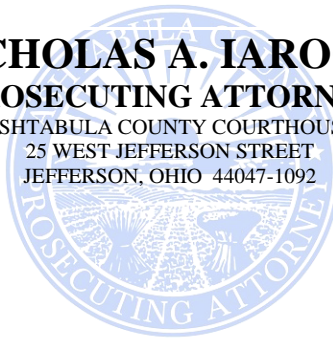
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On August 13, 2019, the Ashtabula County Grand Jury issued a thirty-nine (39) count indictment against Thomas L. Volpi and a three (3) count indictment against Volpi's co-defendant Tiara Babbitt. Volpi has been indicted on the following charges:

- Twelve (12) counts of ***Rape***, each of which is a first degree felony;
- Eleven (11) counts of ***Sexual Battery***, each of which is a third degree felony;
- Five (5) counts of ***Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor***, each of which is a third degree felony;
- Nine (9) counts of ***Gross Sexual Imposition***, each of which is a fourth degree felony; and
- Two (2) counts of ***Furnishing Alcohol to Underage Persons***, each of which is a first degree misdemeanor.

The charges stem from Volpi's alleged actions during the late evening on July 5, 2019 and into the early morning of July 6, 2019, where it is reported that Volpi engaged in at least fourteen (14) different acts of sexual assault involving a 15-year old girl and two (2) acts of sexual assault involving a 17-year old girl. The sexual assaults allegedly occurred at Volpi's residence at 2708 Walnut Boulevard and at his business of Albino's Meats & Catering at 2316 Lake Avenue, both of which are in the City of Ashtabula. The Ashtabula Police Department, with the assistance of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, investigated this case. As part of the investigation, several search warrants were obtained and executed at Volpi's residence and business, and substantial evidence was seized and forensic evidence developed which support all of the charges filed in this case.

Babbitt has been indicted on three (3) counts of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, each of which is a fourth degree felony, involving the same 15-year old victim in the Volpi matter.

On August 14, 2019, Volpi was arrested on a warrant by officers with the Ashtabula Police Department, and is incarcerated in the Ashtabula County Jail. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Babbitt.

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