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Prosecutor Blackburn Announces twelve count indictment against Glouster Police Chief Lucas Mace

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn today announced that an Athens County Grand Jury has returned a twelve count indictment against Glouster Police Chief Lucas Mace. Mace was arrested Friday evening and charged with two F5 Counts of Obstructing Justice. He was taken to the Washington County Jail and was arraigned this morning in Athens County Municipal Court.

The twelve count indictment returned today by the Grand Jury includes three (3) F5 Counts of Obstructing Justice; one (1) F5 Count of Theft in Office, one (1) F5 Count of Possessing Criminal Tools; six (6) M2 Counts of Dereliction of Duty; and one (1) minor misdemeanor Count of Failure to Aid a Law Enforcement Officer. These charges involve Mace's role in aiding a woman who had multiple warrants against her to evade authorities.

"It's a sad day when a public official like Lucas Mace let's our community down and fails to uphold the public trust," said Prosecutor Blackburn. "From March 28, 2014 to May 23, 2014, Luke Mace is accused of using his office and position as a dating service, failing to execute valid arrest warrants, and failed to aid Law Enforcement officers trying to execute said warrants."

This case was investigated by the Athens County Prosecutor's Office, Athens County Sheriff's Office, Athens Police Department, Ohio University Police Department and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification.