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ATHENS, Ohio – Athens County Law Enforcement, Businesses and Organizations recently donated money to support the purchase of a Cortexflo Machine for the OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital that will improve the medical service and the gathering of evidence to aid in the prosecution of sexual assaults.

"We are committed to reducing sexual assaults and a Cortexflo Machine will assist in identifying, prosecuting and incarcerating rapists," said Prosecutor Keller J. Blackburn. "I want to personally thank the individuals, organizations and private businesses who are committed to helping sexual assault victims in our community."

At the beginning of February, OhioHealth O'Bleness reached out to Prosecutor Blackburn to assist with funding for a Cortexflo photo and video capture system to assist in forensic medical examination of sexual assault victims. Prosecutor Blackburn immediately began reaching out to local businesses, organizations and law enforcement agencies and was able to secure over \$9,000.00 in donations within less than a week.

"Cortexflo is designed to meet the unique photographic and video requirements to conduct forensic medical examinations of children and adults who have suffered sexual and physical abuse. By incorporating innovative technologies, minimal photographic expertise is required to take in-focus, high quality photographs and videos. In addition, the system has been engineered to be used hands-free in situations which require the examiner to use both hands to display an injury." (www.cortexflo.com).

Prosecutor Blackburn is grateful to the following for coming together to support the victims of Athens County:

Athens County Sheriff's Office - \$150.00
Athens Police Department - pledged \$500.00
Broney's - \$250.00
Cornwell Jewelers - \$1200.00
Courtside - \$250.00
EBS Center - \$250.00
J Bar - \$250.00
Ohio Realty - \$250.00
Ohio University Police Department - pledged \$500.00
Ohio University Student Affairs - pledged \$1500.00
Stephen's On Court - \$300.00
The Athens County Bar Association - \$2500.00
The Athens County Prosecutor's Office - \$1000.00
The C.I. - \$250.00
The Crystal - \$250.00