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Reynoldsburg Man Sentenced For Misuse Of Law Enforcement Computer

COLUMBUS → Gary J. Piedmont, age 51, of Reynoldsburg today was sentenced to community confinement and one year of probation for using a law enforcement computer system to find out whether or not an arrest warrant had been issued for an acquaintance.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; and Lori Cummins, Acting U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, announced the sentence handed down today by U.S. Magistrate Judge Terence P. Kemp.

According to a statement of facts presented before sentencing, Piedmont checked the National Crime Information Center computer nine times in May 2000 to see if an arrest warrant had been issued for Melodie Lynn Calomeris, also known as Melodie Lynn Stillwell.

Piedmont met Calomeris, the statement of facts says, when he was a supervisor at the Franklin County Corrections Center and Calomeris was housed there pending her transfer to a federal facility. During Calomeris' initial supervision on release from federal custody, Piedmont allegedly employed her as a housekeeper.

→ The Probation Office was in the process of issuing an arrest warrant for Calomeris for violating her supervised release,→ Lockhart said. → The Marshals Service and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office investigated and found that Piedmont had used the system to check on the warrant.→

Piedmont is no longer employed by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. He will serve 30 days community confinement in Alvis House, one year probation, and ordered to pay a $5,000 fine.

Lockhart commended the U.S. Marshals Service for the investigation and thanked the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for their cooperation in the investigation.