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***FORMER BMV EMPLOYEE AND CO-
DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR
TAMPERING WITH RECORDS***

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Prosecutor Ron O'Brien announces that the Franklin County Grand Jury has returned indictments against two individuals, Betina Young, age 43, and Sekou Bayoh Kpoto, age 41, both each for five counts (F-3) Tampering with Records. Betina Young was a former BMV employee at the Gahanna License agency (#2528), who allegedly falsified BMV records to show that applicants presented necessary documentation to verify immigration status and secure the issuance of valid state ID Cards and/or Licenses. None of the applicants were U.S. citizens. Young and Kpoto allegedly charged individuals several hundred dollars to obtain the State ID Cards and/or Licenses, and once the fee was collected, Kpoto directed each individual to Young for the processing of the ID Cards and/or Licenses. "This has been a thorough investigation, which is still on-going, conducted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, with assistance from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)", O'Brien stated.