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SUMMIT COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTS CUYAHOGA FALLS MAN

COLUMBUS – A Cuyahoga Falls man who defrauded car buyers by selling high-mileage vehicles on Craigslist after rolling back the odometers was indicted on multiple felony charges on Thursday, June 27, 2013, by a Summit County grand jury.

Shannon G. Payne, 35, who also is a registered sex offender, was indicted on six counts of tampering with records and single counts of theft, forgery and identity fraud following an investigation by BMV Investigations and Cuyahoga Falls police.

The charges involve three transactions in which Payne is accused of buying vehicles on Craigslist and having the owner assign the title to him. The investigation found that Payne subsequently used falsified power-of-attorney forms – utilizing the notary services of his wife, Carrienne Payne, to obtain replacement titles – after which he swapped out the odometers in the vehicles to reflect a lower mileage. Carrienne Payne was not charged in the case, but she has surrendered her notary commission.

BMV Investigations has identified other apparent victims of this scheme. They can contact BMV Investigator Robert Gallo at (440) 845-1850.

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