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Two Indicted After Investigation into Midwest Title Agency *Gloria Long Wozniak and Michael Wozniak face multiple charges*

COLUMBUS – An investigation into Midwest Title Agency by the Ohio Department of Insurance resulted in the indictment of Gloria Long Wozniak and Michael Wozniak on charges of theft, money laundering, and engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, Ohio Insurance Director Ann Womer Benjamin announced today. The indictment states that both Long and Wozniak committed six thefts and six acts of money laundering and engaged in a pattern of corrupt activity.

The indictment alleges that Ms. Long, while acting as the president and owner of Midwest Title Agency, illegally diverted escrow funds from escrow accounts held by Midwest Title to other bank accounts. The funds were subsequently used for operating expenses, payroll expenses, and personal usage by the Wozniaks. The total theft from escrow accounts is suspected to be in excess of \$1.6 million.

"The Department is putting wrongdoers on notice that illegal activity will not be tolerated in Ohio, and I commend the determination of our investigators to bring both Gloria and Michael Wozniak to justice," Director Womer Benjamin said. "I also commend the fine efforts of the Powell Police Department, Delaware County Prosecutor David Yost and the Ohio Attorney General's Office."

The Department's investigation was lengthy due to the unique circumstances of the case and the amount of forensic evidence that needed to be collected before presenting the facts to the grand jury. The investigation was a joint effort by the Department of Insurance, the City of Powell Police Department, the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office and the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Consumers who witness instances of insurance fraud should contact the Department's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-686-1527. The hotline can be used to report fraud by consumers, agents, and agencies.

The Ohio Department of Insurance is committed to providing consumer protection through fair but vigilant regulation while promoting a competitive environment for insurers. The Department regulates and licenses nearly 1,700 insurance companies, more than 199,000 agents, and approximately 15,000 insurance agencies, and monitors the financial solvency of the insurance industry in Ohio.

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