

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ROSS COUNTY, OHIO

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STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO: 24 CR 271

Plaintiff,

INDICTMENT FOR:

v.

COUNT 1: THEFT - BY DECEPTION
§2913.02(A)(3), FELONY 4

BRENDA FREE

COUNT 2: FORGERY
§2913.31(A)(3), FELONY 5

Defendant

INDICTMENT

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ROSS, SS:

In the Common Pleas Court of Ross County, Ohio, of the Grand Jury Term Two Thousand Twenty-four.

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, being duly impaneled and sworn and charged to inquire of and present all offenses whatever committed within the limits of said County, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present:

FIRST COUNT

On or between approximately January 1, 2016 and November 22, 2023 and in Ross County, Ohio, the defendant Brenda Free did, with the purpose to deprive Scioto Valley Association of Realtors, the owner, of their property (to wit: US currency \$7,500 < \$150,000), knowingly exert control over property worth \$7,500 or more, but less than \$150,000, by

deception; in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.02(A)(3), a felony of the fourth degree, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

SECOND COUNT

On or between approximately January 4, 2021 and April 5, 2022 and in Ross County, Ohio, the defendant Brenda Free, with the purpose to defraud or knowing she was facilitating a fraud, uttered or possessed with purpose to utter, a writing which she knew to be forged, to wit: a Scioto Valley Association of Realtors check for \$1,500, in violation of Ohio Revised code 2913.31(A)(3), a felony of the fourth degree, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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A True Bill

BT Sharp
Foreperson of the Grand Jury

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ROSS, SS:

I, _____, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original Indictment, with the endorsements thereon, now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Clerk

Deputy