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Media Release

## **Andover Doctor Indicted for Trafficking in Prescription Drugs**

Andover, Ohio (Ashtabula County) - On March 19, 2014, the Ashtabula County Grand Jury indicted Dr. Shannon L. Swanson, D.O., on twenty-six felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs.

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy began their investigation in August 2013, immediately after discovering that Dr. Swanson was prescribing controlled substances to friends and co-workers that were not her patients, and not for a legitimate medical purpose.

Agents of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy and State Medical Board of Ohio attempted to obtain medical records from St. Joseph's Andover Medical Center, where Dr. Swanson was practicing, of the persons she prescribed to, and found that no records existed.

On April 11, 2014, Dr. Swanson pleaded not guilty before the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court on all twenty-six counts of trafficking in Drugs, and released on a \$10,000 Personal Recognizance Bond.

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy would like to thank the following agencies for their support with this investigation; The Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office, and the State Medical Board of Ohio.

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