



## **Prosecutor Not Seeking Charges Against Former Fiscal Officer**

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Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell announced that he will not be pursuing criminal charges against former Hamilton Township Fiscal Officer Jackie Terwilleger. Earlier today, Fornshell formally notified the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees of the completion of his investigation in a letter to Warren Ritchie, the township's law director. The township had requested that Fornshell investigate Terwilleger for possible criminal charges relating to her alleged backdating of checks, unauthorized use of a trustee's signature, and improper deferred compensation payments. Fornshell enlisted the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) due to a potential conflict of interest with the Hamilton Township Police Department investigating the case.

In his letter to the law director, Fornshell stated:

“Although BCI's investigation demonstrates that Mrs. Terwilleger was grossly incompetent in her handling of the township's finances, I do not believe there is sufficient evidence of criminal intent on her part to support criminal charges being pursued against her as to any of the referred issues. I do expect that the Ohio Auditor of State will issue a finding for recovery against Mrs. Terwilleger in the amount of \$6,834.75, which represents the amount of overpayments that Mrs. Terwilleger, as fiscal officer, made to Deferred Comp. from 2011 to 2014, but which were not deducted from her payroll.”

Terwilleger resigned her position as the township's fiscal officer in March 2014.



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