



Miamisburg Man Pleads Guilty in Franklin Strip Club Case

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Michael Reese, 37, of Miamisburg, Ohio, pled guilty today in front of Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Tepe to trafficking in cocaine, a felony of the 5th degree; possession of cocaine, a felony of the 5th degree; two counts of permitting drug abuse, felonies of the 5th degree; and illegally operating a sexually oriented business, a misdemeanor of the 1st degree.

In January 2017, Reese, a night manager at the New York, New York strip club in Franklin, was observed by plain-clothes law enforcement officers on multiple occasions handing cocaine to co-defendant Courtney A. Rogers, a dancer with the stage name “Giselle.” Rogers would then in turn sell the cocaine to customers. Reese told officers that the dancers received a portion of the proceeds from the drug transactions. Reese was also allowing nude dancing to occur past midnight, in violation of the law.

“Today’s guilty plea by the manager of New York, New York conclusively demonstrates that the club, its management, and its dancers engaged in numerous instances of drug trafficking and other illegal activity that law enforcement and Franklin city officials had long suspected was regularly occurring at the club,” said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell. “Our office will continue to proceed with the prosecution of the related cases in order to hold to account the club and the remaining defendants for their role in perpetuating this criminal enterprise,” Fornshell said.

Reese will be sentenced at a later date.

Fornshell commended the joint investigation involving law enforcement officers from the City of Franklin Police Department, the Ohio Investigative Unit, and the Warren County Drug Task Force, along with Assistant Prosecutor Derek Faulkner and Legal Assistant Brenda Berry for their work on the case.



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