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For Immediate Release

Eric J. Toney, District Attorney for Fond du Lac County, announced that on Friday March 3, 2017 Sterling Kienbaum was arrested by the City of Fond du Lac Police Department and subsequently charged in Fond du Lac County with Racketeering and felony Theft charges.

Kienbaum is currently located in the Fond du Lac County Jail. It is anticipated that he will make his initial court appearance on Monday March 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

The allegations contained in the criminal complaint stem from an investigation led by the City of Fond du Lac Police Department alleging a \$14 million dollar theft from Sadoff's Iron Metal (Sadoff's) between 2009 and May of 2015.

According to the criminal complaint, Sterling Kienbaum, the owner of Fox Valley Iron and Metal (Fox Valley), was making cash payments to Daniel Christianson, a former employee of Fox Valley, for the purpose of receiving payments from Sadoff's for dirt purported to be scrap automobile. Christianson would then deliver the money to Donald Krueger, a former employee of Sadoff's. These payments to Krueger were to allow the overweight scrap vehicles to be accepted at Sadoff's Iron and Metal beyond the load limits, as set by Sadoff's.

The criminal complaints alleges that Donald Krueger received the payments to accept loads of scrap automobiles from Fox Valley that were in excess of what they should have been allowed, according to Sadoff's policy. Krueger acknowledged that Fox Valley's loads would consistently be overloaded with dirt and that he would overlook the excess weight of dirt. As a result, Sadoff's was overpaying Fox Valley for scrap automobiles because Fox Valley was receiving payment for the weight of scrap automobile and the weight of the dirt.

The criminal complaint indicates that Sadoff's retained a forensic accountant to calculate the alleged damages incurred by Sadoff's through this scheme.

Damages By Year	
Year	Total Loss
2009	\$ 740,325
2010	\$2,164,964
2011	\$3,465,950
2012	\$2,905,528
2013	\$2,732,040
2014	\$2,166,421
2015	\$149,267
Total	\$ 14,324,495

If convicted of Racketeering, the defendant may be fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or imprisoned not more than fifteen (15) years, or both. In lieu of a fine under 946.84(1), any person convicted of engaging in conduct in violation of s. 946.83, through which he or she derived pecuniary value, or by which he or she caused personal injury or property damage or other loss, may be fined not to exceed 2 times the gross value gained or 2 times the gross loss caused, whichever is the greater, plus court costs and the costs of investigation and prosecution, reasonably incurred.

If convicted of felony theft, the defendant may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both for each charge.

Donald Krueger and Daniel Christianson have both been convicted of felony theft for a portion of their role in the theft occurring between January of 2015 and May of 2015.

District Attorney Eric Toney and Deputy District Attorney Dennis Krueger (no relation to Donald Krueger) are leading the prosecution team.

The charges against the defendant are accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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