



## **Prosecutor Announces Indictments in Franklin Strip Club Investigation**

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Earlier today, Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell announced indictments containing 23 charges against New York, New York, a Franklin strip club, two managers, and one dancer. The charges arise from a joint investigation involving law enforcement officers from the City of Franklin Police Department, the Ohio Investigative Unit, and the Warren County Drug Task Force.

N.Y.N.Y., Inc., doing business as New York, New York, was indicted for two counts of trafficking in cocaine (F5), four counts of permitting drug abuse (F5), and illegally operating a sexually oriented business (M1).

Michael Lee Reese, 37, of Miamisburg, Ohio, was indicted for two counts of trafficking in cocaine (F5), two counts of possession of cocaine (F5), three counts of permitting drug abuse (F5), and illegally operating a sexually oriented business (M1).

Courtney A. Rogers, 25, of Springfield, Ohio, was indicted for four counts of trafficking in cocaine (F5) and three counts of possession of cocaine (F5).

Mark G. Butterfield III, 27, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was indicted for permitting drug abuse (F5).

In December of 2016, plain-clothes law enforcement officers began an investigation into reported drug trafficking activity at New York, New York strip club in Franklin. On multiple occasions, officers observed Reese, the night manager at New York, New York, provide cocaine to Rogers, a dancer with the stage name “Giselle,” who in turn sold the cocaine to customers. At least one drug trafficking transaction occurred directly in front of Butterfield, the day manager at New York, New York. Reese and N.Y.N.Y., Inc. were also charged with misdemeanor counts for permitting nude dancing in the establishment after midnight in violation of Ohio law.

Also as part of this same investigation, two other dancers at New York, New York – Allison “Cash” Hindy, 24, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and Brandi “Camden” Hatter, 21, of

Franklin – were previously charged with prostitution for engaging in sexual activity for hire while working on the premises. Earlier this year, Hindy and Hatter both pled guilty in Franklin Municipal Court.

“Although there have been strong suspicions for several years, through this investigation, law enforcement officers were able to directly observe significant drug trafficking and other illegal activity at New York, New York strip club. On one occasion, several customers were at the club waiting to buy cocaine,” said Fornshell.

N.Y.N.Y., Inc., Reese, Rogers, and Butterfield will all be arraigned in Warren County Common Pleas Court.



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