



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



### SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE ARRESTED

**Colerain Township , 02/12/2013** – Chief Deputy Mark Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, reports that our office, in cooperation with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office has been conducting an investigation over the last six months alleging that a Sheriff's Office employee has been involved in removing property from the Hamilton County Sheriff's property room, located at 11021 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231. The investigation also revealed two civilians' involvement in the offense. None of the property involved would negatively impact the ability to prosecute any open cases. Agents with the Regional Narcotics Unit executed search warrants and have arrested the following individuals: Michael Esposito, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Property Room Supervisor, his wife Allison Esposito of Loveland, Ohio, and Allison's son Adam Fintak of Norwood, Ohio. The three individuals were charged with one count of tampering with evidence, a felony of the third degree. All three have been arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center, where they are currently being held. The investigation is ongoing, with additional charges pending.

Michael Esposito has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office since November 1, 2001, and was assigned the Property Room Supervisor in January 2002. He has been placed on unpaid administrative leave.

Sheriff Jim Neil stated, "This was brought to my attention and I can tell you this will not be tolerated on my watch. I appreciate the hard work of our Regional Narcotics Unit, along with the cooperation of the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office which culminated in the outcome of these arrests."

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