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CLEVELAND, Ohio — A Geauga County grand jury indicted two Texas high-ranking officials and their technology company Wednesday related to a corruption scheme orchestrated by the county's former chief technology officer and his daughter, records show.

Eugene Joseph Krus Jr., and William E. Kelly Jr., both of Woodlands, Texas, were indicted on charges of complicity to commit aggravated theft of \$1.5 million or more, complicity to commit having an unlawful interest in a public contract, and complicity to commit theft in office, according to documents filed in Geauga County Common Pleas Court.

The indictment also charges ITERSource Corp., a technology firm, with the same offenses as Krus and Kelly. Krus is the company's CEO and Kelly is the vice president, court records show.

Wednesday's indictments are part of an investigation into former Geauga County IT director Stephen T. Decatur and his daughter, Stephanie E. Stewart, who are accused of stealing more than \$1.8 million in public funds.

Decatur authorized payments from Geauga County to SMCS Tech, a Fairlawn company owned and operated by Stewart and a second vendor from 2010 to 2017. The companies sent cashier's checks to Decatur, who put the money into his personal account, court records show.

The 59-year-old Decatur and Stewart, 35, face a bevy of charges related to the incident.

During an investigation into Decatur, authorities discovered he previously worked for ITERSource before being hired by Geauga County nearly 13 years ago, Geauga County Prosecutor James Flaiz says in a news release.

Decatur approached ITERSource in 2009 to provide technical services to the county, and a deal was made to bill Geauga County, keep a portion of the money and use Stewart's business as a subcontractor, the release says.

Krus and Kelly could not be reached Thursday night.

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18C000023 STATE OF OHIO OHIO VS. ITERSOURCE CORPORATION DMO

01/14/2021	YELLOW SCHEDULING NOTICE	\$15.00	
01/14/2021	EFILING CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE		
07/08/2021	MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE FILED. (PO) Attorney: BAILEY II, JOE W (01525800)		
07/07/2021	EFILING CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE		
07/07/2021	ORDER FILED. GRANT MOTION CONTINUANCE		
07/07/2021	EFILING CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	\$3.00	
07/08/2021	CASE SCHEDULED VIA TELEPHONE Event: ATTORNEY CONFERENCE Date: 08/30/2021 Time: 11:00 am Judge: ONDREY, DAVID M Location:		
07/08/2021	YELLOW SCHEDULING NOTICE		
07/08/2021	EFILING CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	\$15.00	
05/11/2022	CASE SCHEDULED TELEPHONIC IN CONJUNCTION w/ 18 C 21 Event: ATTORNEY CONFERENCE Date: 06/24/2022 Time: 3:00 pm Judge: ONDREY, DAVID M Location:		
05/11/2022	YELLOW SCHEDULING NOTICE		
05/11/2022	EFILING CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	\$15.00	

The case was dropped.  
No further action



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		Amount Paid by Geauga County	Amount deposited into SMCS from ITERSOURCE	KEPT BY ITERSOURCE	% Kept by ITERSOURCE
2017					
	SMCS	\$238,700.00			
	ITERSOURCE	\$132,500.00	\$78,000.00	\$54,500.00	41.13%
2016					
	SMCS	\$21,500.00			
	ITERSOURCE	\$305,216.73	\$241,425.00	\$63,791.73	20.90%
2015					
	SMCS				
	ITERSOURCE	\$382,586.18	\$319,552.50	\$63,033.68	16.48%
2014					
	SMCS				
	ITERSOURCE	\$391,870.00	\$313,290.00	\$78,580.00	20.05%
2013					
	SMCS				
	ITERSOURCE	\$327,180.00	\$261,744.00	\$65,436.00	20.00%
2012					
	SMCS				
	ITERSOURCE	\$345,845.75	\$276,976.00	\$68,869.75	19.91%
2011					
	SMCS				
	ITERSOURCE	\$223,790.50	\$180,636.40	\$43,154.10	19.28%
2010					
	SMCS		Bank Records Oct- Dec		Does not reflect deposits prior to Oct 2010
	ITERSOURCE	\$99,525.50	\$32,516.00	\$67,009.50	67.33%
	TOTAL	\$2,468,714.66	\$1,704,139.90	\$764,574.76	30.97%