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December 2, 2021

Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General  
30 E. Broad Street, 14th Floor  
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Flaiz had to dismiss 333 counts in court and Stewart pled guilty to one count. She received no jail time (four years was suspended), was put on electronic monitoring for a year and had to perform 400 hours of community service. She is unable to make restitution.

The \$2,468,714.66 stolen does not include the fees for forensic accounting, legal fees and other incidentals, which well exceed \$300,000.

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We deserve better than we are getting.

Year	Source	Amount Paid by Geauga County	Amount deposited into SMCS from ITERSOURCE	KEPT BY ITERSOURCE	% Kept by ITERSOURCE
2017	SMCS	\$238,700.00			
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TOTAL		\$2,468,714.66	\$1,704,139.90	\$764,574.76	30.97%

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