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PRESS RELEASE

Edgar Simpson and Leo Jennings charged with Ethics Violations

Two criminal complaints were filed today in the Franklin County Municipal Court as a result of a referral made by the Ohio Ethics Commission to this office in connection with the investigation of the office of former Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann.

The complaints were filed against Edgar Simpson and Leo Jennings, who were respectively the Chief of Staff and Communications Director to former Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann.

The criminal complaints allege among other things the Failure to include as a source of income the Ohio Democratic Party, or the Dann for Ohio Campaign Committee, or the Dann OAG Transition Corp. on the Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure forms that are required to be filed annually with that Commission by public officials.

In addition, Mr. Jennings is charged with accepting supplemental compensation in connection with the receipt of funds from the Dann for Ohio Committee and the Dann Transition Corp.; and also with providing supplemental compensation to Anthony Gutierrez, former OAG General Services Director, in the form of lodging expenses for a fourteen month period at a condominium in Northwest Columbus.

A summons was issued on these complaints and it is expected that the parties will appear in the Franklin County Municipal Court, 375 S. High St., Columbus, OH before Judge William Pollitt in Courtroom 4-C on Thursday March 4, 2010 at 10:00 A.M..