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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST HICKS AND CARROLL;
ARRAIGNMENTS FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2005**

On Thursday, July 28, 2005, the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office and Columbus City Attorney announced that charges alleging violations of the state's ethics laws will be filed against Brian Hicks and Cherie Carroll. Hicks was former Chief of Staff for the Governor and Cherie Carroll was former executive assistant to Mr. Hicks. The charges will be filed in Franklin County Municipal Court.

These two former officials will be arraigned tomorrow, July 29, 2005, at the Franklin County Courthouse, 375 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, in Courtroom 4C at 11:00 a.m. The telephone number for information at the Municipal Court Criminal Division is 645-8186.

The Ethics Commission, Inspector General, and Ohio State Highway Patrol are active participants in a joint investigative task force that includes city, county, and federal prosecutors, FBI, the Investigative unit of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and the Division of Securities in the Department of Commerce, conducting an ongoing criminal investigation of issues related to BWC investments and Tom Noe.

