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SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS LOCAL INSURANCE AGENT FOR THEFT

[Lancaster, Ohio, September 3, 2010] John W. Elder a/k/a Bill Elder, a former insurance agent with Monumental Life Insurance was arrested today by deputies working for the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Charges of grand theft and receiving stolen property were filed against Elder, a 61-year-old resident of Bremen, Ohio. Mr. Elder is suspected of collecting insurance premiums from victims and diverting the money to his personal accounts. He was the treasurer of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Bremen and is also suspected of embezzling several thousand dollars from the church. Citizens with information or who were solicited by Elder are requested to contact Detective James Nicolia of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office at 740-652-7338. At this point Elder is facing two fourth degree felony charges punishable by up to 18 months confinement each and a maximum fine of \$5,000 each; however court documents suggest that additional charges may be forthcoming.