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INDICTMENT HANDED DOWN

A Newark man has been indicted on one count of robbery in connection with an October incident. John Glaister is accused of grabbing a woman's purse and punching her in the face as she left her job at the United Dairy Farmers on N. 4th St. in Newark. The 22-year-old is being held on \$100,000 bond.

DC FLY-IN

Thursday was a busy day for the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority. Officials at the Port Authority along with several local government and business leaders flew to Washington DC to meet with Ohio's congressional leaders.



Port Authority President Rick Platt

Port Authority President Rick Platt says the 'DC Fly-In' event is an important avenue for acquainting Ohio's leaders and their staff members with the leaders from Licking County. This year marked the third consecutive year for the event.

TRAFFIC DEATHS DOWN

The Licking County Safe Communities program reported 18 traffic deaths in Licking County from January through December 2008, compared with 23 in 2007. The Safe Communities program was developed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety to establish and expand community partnerships to create safer, healthier communities throughout Ohio. In Licking County, Safe Communities is a partnership with the licking County Health Department, area law enforcement agencies and businesses to increase safety belt use, decrease impaired driving and to decrease crashes.