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Columbus City Attorney Drops Charges Against Brittany Walters and Miranda Panda

COLUMBUS, OH— Today, Wednesday, July 18th, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced the charges against Brittany Walters and Miranda Panda have been dropped.

"After reviewing the charges for each of these cases closely, I've determined that the facts of these cases do not meet the elements required to prosecute under this law," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. "The charges have been dismissed."

In relation to the charges dismissed last week against Stephanie Clifford, there are similar defects in these charges. None of the three cases properly allege that the women made "regular appearances" as required by law, but the charges against Walters and Panda have other unique issues. Brittany Walters did not meet the requirement of "touching a 'patron'," and Miranda Panda did not meet the requirements of appearing "nude or semi-nude" while working as a server, and was working only her third shift ever at Sirens. Therefore, the charges have been dismissed.

Copies of the motions can be viewed <u>here</u>.