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### RESIDENT DOCTOR PLEADS IN VOYEURISM CASE

**TOLEDO, Ohio** – Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates announced that Advait Deshmukh reached a plea agreement May 1, 2026, before Judge Michael R. Goulding in case No. CR2026-00053, pleading guilty to attempted tampering with evidence and seven of 15 voyeurism charges.

On June 4, 2025, ProMedica Police learned that a staff member found a hidden cellphone inside a box in a unisex employee restroom in the Renaissance Tower at ProMedica Toledo Hospital. A witness removed the phone and attempted to leave the restroom when Deshmukh grabbed it and said, "That is mine." Deshmukh worked as a resident doctor at the hospital.

Investigators later reviewed the phone and found 82 images taken while the device was hidden in restrooms at ProMedica Toledo Hospital. They identified six victims. None gave permission for Deshmukh to record them while using the restroom. The incidents occurred from February 2025 through May 2025.

The eight counts in the plea agreement include attempted tampering with evidence, a fourth-degree felony (Count 1), and seven voyeurism charges tied to the six identified victims, along with one additional count related to attempts to record other unidentified victims (Counts 2 through 8). Counts 9 through 16 will be dismissed at sentencing. If the case proceeded to trial and Deshmukh was found guilty on all voyeurism counts, the maximum possible sentence for those charges under Ohio sentencing guidelines is 18 months in prison.

"Everyone should have privacy while using a restroom, no matter the location," Bates said. "We appreciate the collaborative work between the ProMedica Police Department and the Toledo Police Department in this investigation. The staff of ProMedica Toledo Hospital and the residents of Lucas County are now safer because of this plea agreement."

Sentencing for Deshmukh is set for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, in Courtroom 4 at the Lucas County Courthouse.

Assistant prosecutor Christopher L. Brown handled the case for the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office.

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