



# METRICH Enforcement Unit

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## Operation May Day nets 14 arrests Morrow County

There are fewer drug dealers on the streets today after a sweep executed by area law enforcement Tuesday.

Operation May Day consisted of 39 arrest warrants, with 14 people arrested and facing various charges.

"We were all over the county. This was the culmination of months of investigation," Morrow County Sheriff John Hinton said.

Officers from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, METRICH Enforcement Unit, Mount Gilead Police and Cardington Police departments worked together.

Warrants were served beginning Monday morning. Charges range from burglary to trafficking in drugs.

"When you have drug trafficking you have property crimes, thefts and burglaries. But over the past three years property crimes in the county



have decreased," he said.

"We also found a suspected marijuana grow in one of the residences."

Hinton said the message is clear.

"If you're going to deal drugs in Morrow County, we're going to arrest you, put you in jail and bring you in front of a judge," he said.

Those arrested and currently being held in the Morrow County Correctional Facility include Roger Harney, Andrea McGrady, Jason Fee, Tiffany Tasker, Ryan Tuggle, Travis Ressler, Mary Miller, Mike Hammond Jr., William Cochran, Jessica Koons, Eric Masterson, Michael Scarbury, and Scott Jeffrey, and Jerri Carmickle.

Carmickle was arrested Wednesday on a warrant; all others on Tuesday, May 1.

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## Police conduct drug raid at apartment

### *Champaign County*

One person was taken into custody following a drug raid by the Urbana Police Division on Tuesday.

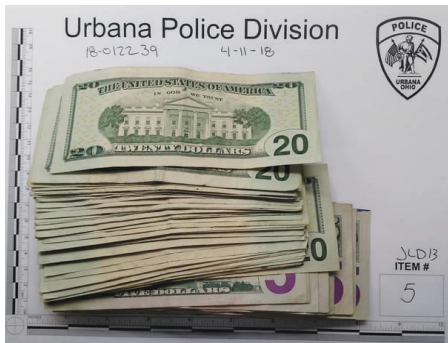
According to a press release, on Tuesday at 10:46 p.m., two teams of Urbana police officers conducted a search warrant raid of 319 S. Main St., Apt. 2, as part of an on-going drug investigation in the city.

Urbana Police Chief Matt Lingrell stated resident Bryan K. Fultz, 25, was taken into custody at that location. Fultz was interviewed and processed at the police division before being taken to the Tri-County Regional Jail, Mechanicsburg, where he is being held on a holder from the Adult Parole Authority, which assisted in this investigation.

Fultz has multiple previous

criminal convictions for drug crimes and is listed as a registered sex offender for crimes he committed in 2011.

Several other adults involved in this investigation were detained at this location, taken to the police



division for questioning, then released pending additional investigation.

From the apartment, police confiscated a large quantity of drugs, including LSD, a bulk amount of marijuana, prescription pills, drug paraphernalia and a large quantity of drug money.

As part of the investigation, police and an Adult Parole officer went to another location in the city overnight and found two other adults committing drug crimes. These two adults were brought to

the police division for additional processing and interviews and were then released. Police expect to present criminal charges against these two individuals pending further investigation.

Lingrell stated police are continuing their investigative efforts to identify drug crime offenders, focus covert efforts against them and close their operations with arrests.

"I appreciate the efforts of our lead investigator on this case, Officer Luke Hiltibran, as well as Sgt. Jason Kizer, who helped to coordinate the raid plan, and Brandon Deskins from the APA, who came to the scene to assist in the investigation," Lingrell stated. "Their efforts have helped us as we continue to press onward against illegal drug criminals and in trying to make that neighborhood safer."

"While police continue to follow and develop new investigative leads surrounding this case, they hope to present this criminal trafficking case against Fultz and other individuals connected with it to an upcoming Champaign County grand jury."

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## Authorities arrest two people after Monday search

### *Hancock County*

Two people were arrested in a METRICH Drug Task Force search on Monday night. The task force executed a search warrant at 215 Edith Ave. in Findlay according to the Findlay Police Department.

Ashley Baldridge, 24, was

charged with possession of crack cocaine, a fifth-degree felony, and Kenneth Schellenberg, 23, was taken into custody on an adult parole warrant.

A search of the residence yielded crack cocaine, cash, drug paraphernalia and other items that

indicated drug trafficking. Additional charges and arrests are expected after the conclusion of the investigation.

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## 15 detained in drug sweep

### *Seneca County*

Law enforcement officers traveled throughout Seneca County Friday to arrest people indicted by a Seneca County grand jury on drug charges.

The grand jury had indicted 26 people Wednesday as part of drug investigations. Fifteen people were in custody Friday, and the other 11 remained at large.

Chief Fred Stevens of Tiffin Police Department said local departments don't put their heads in the sand.

"We know we have a drug problem, just like the rest of the nation does," he said.

The investigations led to 28 counts of trafficking in heroin, 23 counts of trafficking in cocaine, one count of trafficking marijuana, six counts of possession of cocaine, three counts of aggravated possession, three counts of permitting drug abuse, one count of corrupting another with drugs, four counts of trafficking prescription medication, one count of tampering with evidence, five counts of possession of criminal tools and one count of endangering children, according to a release from Seneca County Drug Task Force — METRICH Enforcement Unit.

In custody Friday were:

- Anna Angel, 35, of Tiffin — two counts of trafficking in cocaine.
- Donald L. Angel Jr., 36, of Tiffin — trafficking in cocaine.
- Hanna M. Bicknell, 25, of Fostoria — trafficking in heroin.
- Michael W. Conley, 41, of Crestline — two counts of traf-

ficking in heroin.

- Michael S. Delarosa, 31, of Fostoria — two counts of trafficking in cocaine, two counts of possession of cocaine, two counts of aggravated possession and one count of possession of drugs.

- Daniel J. Faust, 24, of Tiffin — three counts of aggravated trafficking in drugs.

- Tommy C. Halcomb Jr., 29, of Tiffin — aggravated trafficking in drugs and three counts of trafficking in heroin.

- Dominic T. Hitchcock, 23, of Tiffin — aggravated trafficking in drugs.

- Tommy L. Hronek, 26, of Tiffin — two counts of trafficking in cocaine.

- Krista Jackson, 40, of Fostoria — two counts of permitting drug abuse.

- Kimberly A. Kistler, 45, of Tiffin — tampering with evidence, possession of criminal tools and three counts of trafficking in crack cocaine.

- Leticia N. Lopez, 29, of Tiffin — aggravated trafficking in drugs.

- Brian Martin, 43, of Fremont — trafficking in cocaine, possession of cocaine and two counts of possession of criminal tools.

- Steven P. Mason, 34, of Fostoria — trafficking in heroin and trafficking in cocaine.

- Antwantonyo R. Waites, 33, of Toledo — trafficking in cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of criminal tools and endangering children.

Four arrest teams and one transport team with personnel

from Tiffin and Fostoria police departments, Seneca County Sheriff's Office and Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's narcotics division executed the roundup.

Detective Chuck Boyer, unit coordinator of Seneca County Drug Task Force — METRICH Enforcement Unit, said officials were ending separate drug operations. The unit had received a lot of laboratory results, he said.

"(This is) something that we do periodically," he said.

Stevens said the operation was another example of multi-jurisdictional cooperation, and Chief Keith Loreno of Fostoria Police Department said it benefits everyone in the county and cities.

Sheriff Bill Eckelberry of Seneca County Sheriff's Office said officials wanted to send a strong message to those who bring poison into the community that they are not going to tolerate it.

Loreno said the people arrested know what they're doing is illegal. Officials are not tolerant of it and are not going to let off the pressure, he said.

"After today, there will be much more time spent in prosecution," he said.

Eckelberry said those not arrested Friday would be entered in a nationwide database. They would get stopped in the future and end up at Seneca County Jail, he said.

"We don't stop (looking)," he said.

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## Arrests made in Wyandot County drug search

### *Wyandot County*

Two people were charged following a drug search Tuesday morning at a residence near Forest, according to the Wyandot County Major Crimes Unit.

At 10:25 a.m., detectives from the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, Upper Sandusky and Carey police departments served a search warrant at 18093 Wyandot County 94, near Forest.

Inside the residence, officers found cocaine, prescription medications, marijuana, equipment used to extract THC) from marijuana; and equipment used to make THC wax.

Marijuana plants were also found in the residence, officials said, along with eight long guns and a handgun.

Cyle A. Lutz, 26, and Alyssa A. Gottfried, 25, both of Forest, were detained during the search. Charges are pending against both, including possession of a firearm while under disability, illegal manufacture of a controlled substance, possession of drugs, and trafficking in drugs.

Assisting with the investigation were the Wyandot County Prosecutor's Office, METRICH enforcement unit, Ohio Bureau of



Criminal Investigation, and the Carey Police Department's K-9 unit.

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## Suspected meth dealer arrested in Norwalk

### *Huron County*

A suspected methamphetamine dealer who had been staying in Norwalk was one of three suspects who were arrested Friday morning.

The Norwalk Police Department, which is a member of the METRICH Drug Task Force, with the assistance of Perkins Township officers, used a search warrant at 293 W. Main St., Apt. 2.

"We received information through various sources and during the investigation, we learned Matthew Alley was a person who was trafficking in drugs," Detective Sgt. Seth Fry said. "He was staying there ... a month, maybe longer."

Alley, 41, of Clyde, was arrested on three Erie County warrants and charged with trafficking in meth, possession of meth and tampering with evidence. Fry said the

suspect likely will face similar, local charges.

Fry said police arrested Alley and two other people without incident Friday. Janelle R. Tillotson, 32, of 204 Bell Ave., Bellevue, was arrested on undisclosed Erie County warrants and Richard K. Sanger, 29, of 293 W. Main St., Apt. 2, was charged with permitting drug abuse.

About four months ago, the detective said he learned Alley moved from the Bellevue area to Norwalk and within the last month, police determined where he was staying and were able to coordinate controlled drug buys with him.

Alley was accused of trafficking meth between Bellevue and Norwalk and detectives from Perkins and Sandusky traveled to the Milan Road traffic stop. Rotuno

also said detectives learned Alley reportedly swallowed five to 10 grams of meth and noticed he began to show signs of an overdose.

Police have said they found suspected meth inside the car and a plastic baggie which they believe contained the drugs Alley possibly swallowed. The Perkins Township Fire Department transported Alley to the hospital, where he was admitted and later discharged.

As of late May, police were seeking Alley's whereabouts on the three warrants.

"We would like to extend our thanks to Perkins P.D. in helping execute the (search) warrant," Fry said.

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## 188 fake Oxycodone pills suspected of containing fentanyl found during raids

### *Richland County*

Two METRICH raids Thursday netted authorities a cache of 188 fake Oxycodone pills that officials suspect contain fentanyl, according to Mansfield police Lt. Joseph Petrycki.

Also found during the raids — the first one at 264 E. First St. and later at a storage unit on West Longview Avenue — were two guns, \$750 cash and drug paraphernalia, Petrycki said in a news release. The first search warrant

was served at 6:45 a.m.

As a result of the search warrants, Akeem Tubbs, 28, of 264 E. First St., was charged with two counts of trafficking in drugs and two counts of possession of drugs, all felonies of the first degree; trafficking in drugs, a felony of the fourth degree; and having weapons while under disability, a felony of the third degree, according to METRICH.

Tubbs is incarcerated at the Richland County Jail pending his appearance in court. Further charges may be forwarded to the Richland County Prosecutor's Office, according to METRICH authorities.

The METRICH Enforcement Unit, with assistance from the Mansfield Division of Police and the Allied Special Operations Re-

sponse Team (ASORT) conducted the drug-related search warrants after a short-term investigation. The search warrants were signed by Mansfield Municipal Court Judge Jerry Ault.

"This investigation was a response to overdoses related to the use of suspected fake Oxycodone tablets and we would like to thank the individuals in the community who provided information that assisted in the investigation" said Petrycki, the METRICH commander. "METRICH will continue to target suspected drug dealers in the community, especially those that are selling Fentanyl."

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## Fostoria police make drug bust

### *Seneca County*

The Seneca County Drug Task Force-METRICH Enforcement Unit, along with additional Officers from the Fostoria Police Department executed a drug related search warrant Friday at 430 N. Main St., Apt. 2.

The residence is the home of Nichole Hernandez, 33, and Marquis Devon Brown, 33, both formerly from Toledo.

The search warrant, signed by Judge Jay Meyer of the Seneca County Common Pleas Court "Juvenile Division unveiled U.S. currency, suspected crack cocaine, marihuana, criminal tools and evidence of drug trafficking.

The Fostoria Police Department assisted with the execution of the search warrant safely and effectively.

Additional charges of trafficking crack cocaine, permitting drug abuse, possession of crack cocaine, possession of marihuana and possession of criminal tools are all pending on the suspects involved upon the conclusion of the entire drug investigation and the return of the lab analysis of the substances discovered inside the residence.

"The Task Force was receiving a lot of drug intelligence on that specific residence, reporting sus-

pected drug activity for some time. I consider the entire investigation to be successful due to the search warrant being executed safely, without injury, drugs were removed from our community and the citizen complaints were addressed," Chief Keith Loreno, Fostoria Police Department said.

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## **METRICH raid nets drugs, guns, cash in Shelby Richland County**

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Two men were arrested after a METRICH raid Thursday night at 2724 Holtz Road netted three ounces of suspected crystal methamphetamine, prescription medications, more than \$500 in U.S. currency, two handguns, numerous rounds of ammunition and a variety of assorted drug paraphernalia, according to a news release from METRICH.

At 8:43 p.m., the METRICH Enforcement Unit, with assistance from the Richland County Sheriff's Office, served a drug-related search warrant at the residence after several complaints of drug trafficking in the area.

Jacob Stewart and Marc Noblit, who both lived at the residence, were arrested and taken to the Richland County Jail pending

their appearance in court, according to a news release from METRICH. Additional charges may be forwarded to the Richland County prosecutor for review.

Stewart, 36, is charged with trafficking in drugs and possession of drugs, both felonies of the second degree; weapons under disability, a felony of the third degree; and endangering children, a first-degree misdemeanor.

Noblit, 62, is charged with possession of drugs, a felony of the second degree, according to the news release.

METRICH Commander Lt. Joseph D. Petrycki said the investigation was the result of collaboration between the Richland County Sheriff's Office and the METRICH Enforcement Unit



working together with the goal of removing drugs and weapons from the communities in Richland County.

Mansfield police Lt. Joseph D. Petrycki also thanked those in the community who called in the tips and complaints which assisted detectives in this investigation.

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## **Search warrant executed Seneca County**

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Money, suspected drugs and criminal tools were found during execution of a search warrant Tuesday, according to a release.

According to a release from Seneca County Drug Task Force – METRICH Enforcement Unit, the

task force and additional officers from Fostoria Police Department executed a drug-related search warrant at 735 Lynn St., the residence of Patrick E. Roddy, 61.

The search warrant yielded money, suspected crack cocaine

and cocaine, and criminal tools, it states.

Charges were pending Tuesday night.

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## **One arrested In Findlay drug bust Hancock County**

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One person is in jail following a drug bust in Findlay early Thursday morning. The Hancock County METRICH Enforcement Unit executed a search warrant at 508 W, Trenton Avenue Lot 34 at around 5:30 a.m.

During the search, they found crack cocaine, powder cocaine, heroin, meth, and marijuana. They also found cash, drug paraphernalia, and items indicative of drug trafficking. The arrested 52-year-old Darin Wyse on posses-

sion charges.

More charges are pending as the investigation continues.

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## Drug-related search warrants executed

### *Seneca County*

Three people were arrested when Seneca County Drug Task Force — METRICH Enforcement Unit executed drug-related search warrants in Tiffin and Fostoria Wednesday.

The task force searched 42 1/2 W. Perry St., an upstairs apartment in a duplex, Wednesday evening.

Detective Chuck Boyer, coordinator of Seneca County Drug Task Force — METRICH Enforcement Unit, said complaints led officers to the residence.

He said two people who moved from Columbus three to four weeks ago were found inside: Tarajee S. Harris, 26, and Paul A. Courtney, 27.

Courtney was being charged with trafficking in cocaine Wednesday night, he said.

Boyer said that during the search warrant, officers found suspected crack cocaine and cocaine,



prescription pills, suspected stolen property, marijuana and items indicative of trafficking, such as scales and small bags.

“Multiple charges (are) pending,” he said.

While executing the search warrant, Sherrie Sullivan, 54, of Tiffin, walked up, stumbled on the stairs and was confronted by

officers, Boyer said.

He said he believed she was under the influence of a drug, and she was taken into custody on a warrant from Findlay.

A drug-related search warrant also was executed in Fostoria Wednesday afternoon.

The drug task force executed the warrant at 327 Columbus Ave., the residence of Joshua Darnell Williams, 47.

Officers found drug paraphernalia and items indicative of drug trafficking, and Williams was arrested on a parole violation, Boyer said.

Tiffin and Fostoria police departments’ special response teams, Seneca County Sheriff’s Office and Tiffin Police Department officers and its canine team assisted Wednesday.

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## Drug-related search warrants lead to arrests

### *Seneca County*

Two people were arrested when Seneca County Drug Task Force-METRICH Enforcement Unit executed two drug-related search warrants in Tiffin Monday night.

The task force executed the warrants at 170 E. Perry St., Apartment no. 4, the residence of Amy L. Minser, 30 and 124 1/2 Main Street, the residence of Edward R. Tucker, 50, according to a release.

The warrants, signed by Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court Judge

Mark Repp, unveiled money, suspected heroin, suspected crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia, methamphetamine and criminal tools from the investigation relating to both residences, the release states.

The release states Arlando C. Crowe, 39, of Fremont, was charged with trafficking crack cocaine and trafficking heroin and Minser was arrested for an active arrest warrant out of Defiance.

Additional charges of trafficking methamphetamine, possession

of methamphetamine, permitting drug abuse and possession of criminal tools are pending on Crowe, Minser and Tucker upon the conclusion of the entire drug investigation and the return of the lab analysis of substances involved in both investigations, the release states.

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Participating agencies: Ashland, Crawford, Hancock, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot County Sheriff's Offices and Prosecutors Offices; Ashland, Loudonville, Bucyrus, Crestline, Galion, Findlay, Bellevue, Greenwich, Monroeville, New London, Norwalk, Plymouth, Wakeman, Willard, Mt. Vernon, Marion, Mt. Gilead, Lexington, Mansfield, Ontario, Shelby, Fostoria, Tiffin, Carey, Upper Sandusky Police Departments; Ohio State Highway Patrol; Ohio Department of Public Safety; BCI&I, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy; U.S Department of Housing & Urban Development; FBI; ATF; DEA; IRS.

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