# Man faces multiple felony charges after high-speed chase through Mount Vernon

A man is being held without bond, pending a hearing in Knox County Common Pleas Court, after his arrest earlier this month in connection with a high-speed chase through Mount Vernon.



According to authorities, Brandon Mallon, 39, was arrested and a gun and drugs were seized from the vehicle he was operating. In addition, it was discovered he had two felony warrants out of Morrow County.

Mallon was charged with second-degree felony aggravated possession of drugs, third-degree felony weapons under disability, third-degree felony failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer, and fourth-degree felony vandalism. He was indicted on these charges on April 8.

Police said that on April 2, 2024 at 8:53 a.m. a Mount Vernon Police Department patrol unit attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle with fictitious license plates. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Mallon, fled and a pursuit ensued.

The pursuit went southbound outside of the city but then came north back into the city lasting approximately 15 minutes. Mallon pulled into the parking lot at the Grand Hotel, struck a metal gate, and continued south on Gay Street, where his vehicle was stopped by a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy. Mallon then fled on foot and was apprehended without incident.

Once Mallon was arrested, it was discovered that he had two felony warrants out of Morrow County. During a search of Mallon's vehicle, a loaded firearm and a large amount of narcotics were seized.

Assisting in the pursuit were members of the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Knox County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The Mount Vernon Police Department is a member of the METRICH (Metro-Richland County) Enforcement Unit which is a 10-county law enforcement task force created to address multi-jurisdictional violators of Ohio's drug, weapons, and organized crime statutes.

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