

METRICH seizes drugs, guns, cash on Vale Avenue; one man arrested

A METRICH raid Thursday netted guns, cash and drugs following a search of a house in the 100 block of Vale Avenue.

A 20-year-old Mansfield man was arrested on several drug-related charges, police said in a news release.

METRICH detectives, with the assistance of Richland County ASORT and the Mansfield Police Department, seized 36 grams of suspected cocaine, \$3,255 in cash, a Pardus 12-gauge shotgun, a Glock 17 9mm handgun, a KelTec 9mm rifle and other drug-related evidence, METRICH Commander Lt. Steve Blust said. During the course of the investigation leading up to the search warrant, 470 grams of methamphetamine were seized by METRICH detectives.



The man, whom the News Journal is not identifying due to Gannett policy, was incarcerated on charges of trafficking in methamphetamine (F-1), trafficking in cocaine (F-1), possession of cocaine (F-1) and trafficking in cocaine (F-4), Blust said.

Additional drug- and weapon-related charges will be forwarded to the Richland County Prosecutor's Office. The METRICH Enforcement Unit will continue to target those bringing and distributing illegal drugs within the local community and encourage citizens to continue to report suspected drug activity. Residents can call the METRICH Crime Tip Hotline at 419-52-CRIME (419-522-7463) or the Task Force line at 419-755-9728 or by using the METRICH app.

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