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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

# **GRAND JURY RESULTS**

Grand Jury Indictments from  
Friday, February 14, 2025

And upcoming case hearings for the weeks of  
February 18, 2025 – March 7, 2025

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	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Indicted for the Charge(s) of:</u>
1.  WT	25CR42353	James Francis Rhodes *WARREN COUNTY JAIL* 3395 Middleboro Road Morrow, Ohio 45152 DOB: 02-21-1964 LOWER COURT: LEBANON MUNICIPAL COURT	2921.331(B), 2921.331(C)(3): Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer, a felony of the fourth degree
			4511.19(A)(1)(a), 4511.19(G)(1)(d): Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Drug of Abuse or a Combination of Them - OVI, a felony of the fourth degree
			4511.19(A)(1)(i), 4511.19(G)(1)(d): Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Drug of Abuse or a Combination of Them - OVI, a felony of the fourth degree
			4510.11(A), 4510.11(D)(1): Driving Under Suspension or in Violation of License Restriction, a misdemeanor of the first degree
			2903.21(A), 2903.21(B): Aggravated Menacing, a misdemeanor of the first degree
On January 10, 2025, in Turtlecreek Township, defendant operated a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, failed to stop upon being ordered to do so by police, and made threats of serious physical harm to police officers.			
2.  WT	25CR42350	Jack Mowery Jr 104 Slocum Street Lancaster, Ohio 43130 DOB: 06-15-2005 LOWER COURT: WARREN COUNTY COURT	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(1)(a): Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree
			2921.31(A), 2921.31(B): Obstructing Official Business, a misdemeanor of the second degree
On January 9, 2025, in Wayne Township, defendant possessed drugs and obstructed police in performing their official duties.			

3.  WT	25CR42365	James Donald Willis *WARREN COUNTY JAIL * 6642 E 600 S Gas City, Indiana 46933 DOB: 09-29-1983 LOWER COURT: FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT	2913.51(A), 2913.51(C): Receiving Stolen Property, a felony of the fourth degree
			2913.51(A), 2913.51(C): Receiving Stolen Property, a felony of the fifth degree
			2921.31(A), 2921.31(B): Obstructing Official Business, a misdemeanor of the second degree
On January 12, 2025, in the City of Franklin, defendant possessed stolen property and obstructed police officers in the performance of their official duties.			
4.		Phillip Kelley Cantrell 341 Sunset Drive South Lebanon, Ohio 45065 DOB: 08-21-1981 LOWER COURT: DIRECT / WCC	2913.51(A), 2913.51(C): Receiving Stolen Property, a felony of the fifth degree
			2913.51(A), 2913.51(C): Receiving Stolen Property, a misdemeanor of the first degree
On September 21, 2024, in the City of South Lebanon, defendant possessed stolen property.			
5.  WT	25CR42346	Damien Lashawn Dennis 1422 Wabash Avenue Apt 1 Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 DOB: 08-15-1984 LOWER COURT: MASON MUNICIPAL COURT	2925.03(A)(2), 2925.03(C)(4)(g): Trafficking in Cocaine, a felony of the first degree
			2941.1410(A) Major Drug Offender Specification, "MDO"
			2941.1417(A) Specification for Forfeiture of Property
			2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(4)(f): Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the first degree
			2941.1410(A) Major Drug Offender Specification, "MDO"
			2925.03(A)(2), 2925.03(C)(9)(h): Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related

			Compound, a felony of the first degree
			2941.1410(B) Major Drug Offender Specification - Fentanyl
			2941.1417(A) Specification for Forfeiture of Property
			2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(11)(g): Possession of a Fentanyl-Related Compound, a felony of the first degree
			2941.1410(B) Major Drug Offender Specification - Fentanyl
			2923.24(A), 2923.24(C): Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree
			2913.51(A), 2913.51(C): Receiving Stolen Property in the First Degree, a felony of the fourth degree
			2913.51(A), 2913.51(C): Receiving Stolen Property in the First Degree, a felony of the fifth degree
			2923.24(A), 2923.24(C): Possessing Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree
On November 4, 2024, in the City of Mason, defendant possessed drugs intended for sale by himself or another, stolen property and tools used to engaged in felony crimes.			
6.	25CR42370	<b>Tylnn Defawn Keith</b> <b>303 Wayne Avenue</b> <b>Eaton, Ohio 45320</b> <b>DOB: 03-18-1998</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>WARREN COUNTY COURT</b>	2913.02(A)(1), 2913.02(B)(3): Theft From a Person in a Protected Class, a felony of the fourth degree
			2913.02(A)(1), 2913.02(B)(6): Theft of Drugs, a felony of the fourth degree
On December 13, 2024, in Hamilton Township, defendant stole drugs and property belonging to a disabled adult.			

7.		<b>Hunter Daniel Eskridge</b> <b>99 Maple Street</b> <b>Frazeysburg, Ohio 43822</b> <b>DOB: 04-21-1988</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>DIRECT / LMC</b>	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(1)(a): Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree
			2925.14(C)(1), 2925.14(F)(1): Illegal Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree
On August 7, 2024, in the City of Monroe, defendant possessed drugs and drug paraphernalia.			
8.  WT	25CR42388	<b>Gary Lee Vanhooose</b> <b>*WARREN COUNTY JAIL*</b> <b>736 Superior Avenue Apt E</b> <b>Dayton, Ohio 45402</b> <b>DOB: 08-09-1974</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL COURT</b>	2921.331(B), 2921.331(C)(5)(a)(ii): Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer, a felony of the third degree
			2913.51(A), 2913.51(C): Receiving Stolen Property, a felony of the fourth degree
On January 16, 2025, in the City of Middletown, defendant failed to stop his motor vehicle upon order from police and drove in a manner that caused a substantial risk of serious physical harm to persons and/or property. The car defendant operated was a stolen car.			
9.  WT	25CR42375	<b>Jeremy Wayne Bryant</b> <b>*WARREN COUNTY JAIL*</b> <b>19239 US Highway 68</b> <b>Fayetteville, Ohio 45118</b> <b>DOB: 04-30-1982</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>WARREN COUNTY COURT</b>	2903.18(B)(2), 2903.18(C)(2): Strangulation, a felony of the third degree
			2903.18(B)(3), 2903.18(C)(3): Strangulation, a felony of the fourth degree
			2903.13(A), 2903.13(C): Assault, a misdemeanor of the first degree
On January 18, 2025, in the Village of Morrow, defendant caused a risk of serious physical harm to another by means of strangulation.			

10.	24CR42288	<b>Tyler Patrick Bayless</b> <b>334 S Mulberry Street</b> <b>Wilmington, Ohio 45177</b> <b>DOB: 03-16-1999</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>WARREN COUNTY COURT</b>	2911.12(B), 2911.12(E): Trespass in a Habitation when a Person is Present or Likely to be Present, a felony of the fourth degree
On December 16, 2024, in Harlan Township, defendant, by force and stealth, trespassed into another's home when a person was present or likely to be present.			
11.	24CR42278	<b>Anthony Taylor Burdette</b> <b>14 Hammann Drive</b> <b>Amelia, Ohio 45102</b> <b>DOB: 01/28/2003</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>LEBANON MUNICIPAL COURT</b>	2913.02(A)(1), 2913.02(B)(2): Theft, a felony of the fifth degree
On November 15, 2024, in the City of Lebanon, defendant stole property belonging to another.			
12. WT		<b>Javon Kenneth Spells</b> <b>*SOCF*</b> <b>A691489</b> <b>DOB: 02-23-1996</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>DIRECT/ LMC</b>	2921.38(A), 2921.38(D): Harassment with a Bodily Substance, a felony of the fifth degree
On June 27, 2024, at Lebanon Correctional Institution, defendant spit on a corrections officer.			
13.		<b>Marquez Davaugh Harris</b> <b>2515 West McMicken Avenue</b> <b>Apt 6</b> <b>Cincinnati, Ohio 45214</b> <b>DOB: 06-19-1992</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>DIRECT/ LMC</b>	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(1)(a): Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree
On May 12, 2024, at Warren Correctional Institution, defendant possessed drugs.			

14. WT		<b>Eli D Spriggs</b> <b>*SOCF*</b> <b>A486816</b> <b>DOB: 05-09-1986</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>DIRECT/ LMC</b>	2903.13(A), 2903.13(C)(3): Assault, a felony of the third degree
On June 8, 2024, at Warren Correctional Institution, defendant caused physical harm to a corrections officer.			
15. WT		<b>Cody Allen Rueppel</b> <b>*WCI*</b> <b>A809462</b> <b>DOB: 11-04-1994</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>DIRECT / LMC</b>	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(1)(b): Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the third degree
			2925.14(C)(1), 2925.14(F)(1): Illegal Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree
On March 26, 2024, at Warren Correctional Institution, defendant possessed drugs and drug paraphernalia.			
16. WT		<b>Jesse Lee Lavarnia</b> <b>*SOCF*</b> <b>A627210</b> <b>DOB: 02-09-1989</b> <b>LOWER COURT:</b> <b>DIRECT / LMC</b>	2907.05(A)(1), 2907.05(C)(1): Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the fourth degree
			2907.05(A)(1), 2907.05(C)(1): Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the fourth degree
On July 7, 2024, at Lebanon Correctional Institution, defendant had sexual contact with a corrections officer that he compelled to submit by force.			

Pre-Trials, Conferences, Trials, Sentencing's and other hearings scheduled for the next three weeks (subject to change by the Court). For more information on pending Common Pleas Court cases, please feel free to visit the Clerk of Courts website at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/clerkofcourt>

CASE NUMBER	DEFENDANT	HEARING	DATE	TIME
25CR42353	James Rhodes	ARRAIGNMENT	02/19/2025	1:00 PM
25CR42350	Jack Mowery Jr	ARRAIGNMENT	03/07/2025	8:30 AM
25CR42365	James Willis	ARRAIGNMENT	02/19/2025	1:00 PM
DIRECT	Phillip Cantrell	ARRAIGNMENT	03/07/2025	8:30 AM
25CR42346	Damien Dennis	ARRAIGNMENT	03/07/2025	8:30 AM
25CR42370	Tylynn Keith	ARRAIGNMENT	03/07/2025	8:30 AM
DIRECT	Hunter Eskridge	ARRAIGNMENT	03/07/2025	8:30 AM
25CR42388	Gary Vanhoose	ARRAIGNMENT	02/19/2025	1:00 PM
25CR42375	Jeremy Bryant	ARRAIGNMENT	02/19/2025	1:00 PM
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24CR42278	Anthony Burdette	ARRAIGNMENT	03/07/2025	8:30 AM
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DIRECT	Marquez Harris	ARRAIGNMENT	03/07/2025	8:30 AM
DIRECT	Eli Spriggs	ARRAIGNMENT	TBD	
DIRECT	Cody Rueppel	ARRAIGNMENT	TBD	
DIRECT	Jesse Lavarria	ARRAIGNMENT	TBD	