

News Release

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Subject: Drug Investigation/Search Warrants/Arrest

On December 20, 2024, METRICH detectives executed a series of drug related search warrants authorized by the Honorable Judge Michael Kemerer of the Mansfield Municipal court for 26 Dunbilt Ct, 40 Bradford Ave.& 290 South Diamond St., Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. Assisting with the search warrant was the Mansfield Division of Police, Mansfield Police K-9 Maxx and members of the Richland County ASORT.

The Search Warrant was a result of a drug trafficking investigation conducted by the METRICH Enforcement Unit. Seized was a total of 486 grams of suspected cocaine, 9 grams of suspected fentanyl, (2) recovered stolen firearms and other drug related evidence along with a large amount of suspected stolen property and \$3,296.00 in US currency.

Detectives arrested and charged Sentreas Sanks, 35, of Mansfield, Ohio with several counts of Trafficking in Cocaine (F-1) & Trafficking in Fentanyl. Sanks was incarcerated in The Richland County Jail pending his appearance in court. Further Drug & Weapon related charges will be forwarded to the Richland County Prosecutor's Office.

Detective Perry Wheeler advised that this investigation was a direct result of the continued support from the community in reporting suspected drug activity and METRICH Commander Lt. Steve Blust encourages all citizens to continue such reporting.

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