



PRESS RELEASE

Mt Gilead, Ohio

Re: State of Ohio vs. Dalton Edwards 2025 CR 0041

April 25, 2025

On April 24, 2025, the Morrow County Grand Jury returned a 41 count indictment against Dalton Edwards, of Cardington. This indictment came after an investigation by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and contains the following charges:

- 13 counts Pandering Sexually Oriented Materials Involving Minors – Felonies of the 2nd Degree
- 26 counts Pandering Sexually Oriented Materials Involving Minors – Felonies of the 4th Degree
- 1 count Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity Oriented Material – Felonies of the 2nd Degree
- 1 count Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity Oriented Material – Felonies of the 4th Degree

A warrant was issued and the Defendant was arrested following the indictment being returned. The investigation at this time suggests that the Defendant was the lone local perpetrator.

During the course of the investigation, non-nude photographs of unidentified students from Cardington, Mount Gilead, and Northmor schools were located in the phone of the Defendant. At this time there is no indication of any physical involvement with students, the investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding possible inappropriate contacts with this Defendant are encouraged to contact Det. Sgt. Joshua Clarke of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office at (740)833-2894.

As with all indictments, the Defendant is innocent until found guilty by the Morrow County Court of Common Pleas. The Morrow County Prosecutor's Office requests that all citizens respect the privacy of any family of the Defendant as they are not suspected of any wrong doing. A date for arraignment of the Defendant is pending.