

News Release

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Subject: Drug Investigation/Search Warrant/Arrest

On January 12, 2026, METRICH Detectives with the assistance of the Mansfield Police Department, executed a drug related search warrant at 631 West Fourth St., Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. The search warrant was authorized by the Honorable Judge Michael Kemerer of the Mansfield Municipal Court. The search included a residence and two vehicles.

METRICH Detectives conducted their search and seized approximately 91 lbs. of suspected methamphetamine and other illegal drugs and \$975.00 in US currency and drug related evidence.

Also, arrested and incarcerated was Emmanuel Washington, on charges of (3) cts. Trafficking in Methamphetamine (F-1) & Possession of Methamphetamine (F-1). Further Drug 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 our community and encourage citizens to continue to report suspected drug activity.

Citizens 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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Emmanuel Washington, B/M/47, Mansfield, Ohio



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