

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 25-CRM-092

Plaintiff

VS.

DOUGLAS C APPEGATE

COMPLAINT

1447 Irrnscher Boulevard

Celina, OH 45822

DOB: 4/1/1968

SSN: XXX-XX-7943

Defendant.

Count One

Improperly Handling Firearms In A Motor Vehicle - F5

§2923.16(D)(1), 2923.16(I)

Date of Offense

On or about June 21, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that Douglas C Applegate, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about June 21, 2025, unlawfully

did knowingly transport or have a loaded handgun in a motor vehicle when he was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them.

Specification for Forfeiture of a Weapon - §2941.1417(A)

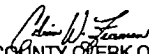
Douglas C Applegate is the owner and/or possessor of a 9 mm handgun, serial number 333-84720, which was contraband and/or property derived from or through the commission or facilitation of the offense, and/or was an instrumentality the offender used or intended to use in the commission or facilitation of the offense

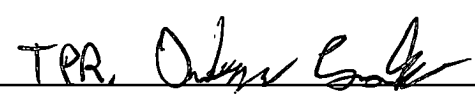
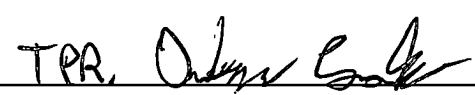
The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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Austin Lamb
Ohio State Highway Patrol

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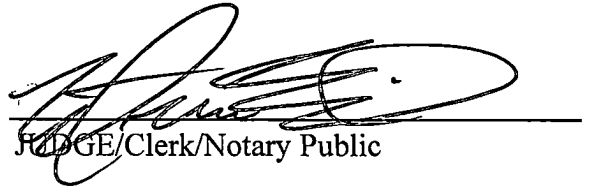
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23 day of June, 2025.


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AFFIDAVIT ON COMPLAINT
(O.R.C. 2935.09)

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, Trooper Austin Lamb, do hereby state that I am employed at the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The following did occur:

On June 21, 2025, at approximately 11:39 P.M, I was Southbound on Grand Lake Road, within the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio. I saw a Southbound vehicle ahead of me crossing over the center double yellow lines to enter the left-hand turn lane, onto State Route 29 East. Once the vehicle completed the turn, it drove from the right lane into the left lane, without the use of a turn signal. I initiated a traffic stop.

I contacted the driver. He was identified as Douglas C. Applegate. There was also a front seat passenger in the vehicle. As I spoke with the driver, I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him. I asked the driver how much he had consumed? He replied, "Earlier today I had a few, but not many." I asked the driver to step out of his vehicle. I noticed that his eyes were blood shot and glossy. I asked again how much he had consumed, and he replied, "Six, maybe." I asked him to participate in a series of field sobriety tests. I then asked him if he had any weapons on him or anything. He said that he did. He said that he had a gun and believed it was in the center console of the vehicle.

I demonstrated and had Applegate perform the field sobriety tests that I requested. After the tests were completed, based on my training and experience with impaired drivers, I placed Applegate under arrest for OVI.

Based on the statement from Applegate that there was a gun in the vehicle, I searched the lunge area of the driver's seat. In the console I located a 9mm "Ruger" handgun, serial number 333-84720.


I transported Applegate to the Mercer County Jail. Once there, Applegate agreed to submit to a breath test with a result of .088.


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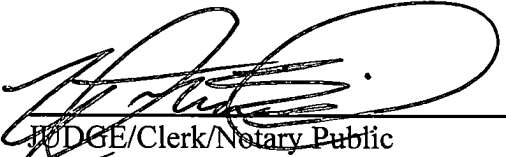
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Sworn to before me by Trooper Austin Lamb, Ohio State Highway Patrol on June 23,
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