

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

STATE OF OHIO,

**CASE NO. 25-CRM-128**

Plaintiff

VS.

DALLAS E. FORTNER  
128 West Market Street apartment 1  
Rockford, OH 45882  
DOB: 9/26/1994  
SSN: XXX-XX-3282

**COMPLAINT**

Defendant.

**FILED**  
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**Count One**

**Felonious Assault - F2**

§2903.11(A)(2), 2903.11(D)(1)(a)

*Shirley J. Finner*  
MERCER COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS  
CELINA, OHIO

**Date of Offense**

On or about September 13, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that Dallas E. Fortner, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about September 13, 2025, unlawfully

did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Victim # 1 by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a baseball bat.

*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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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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**Count Two**

**Possessing Criminal Tools - F5**

§2923.24(A), 2923.24(C)

**Date of Offense**

On or about September 13, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that Dallas E. Fortner, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about September 13, 2025, unlawfully

did possess or have under the person's control any substance, device, instrument, or article, to wit: a baseball bat with purpose to use it criminally.

FURTHERMORE, the circumstances indicate that the substance, device, instrument, or article involved in the offense was intended for use in the commission of a felony, to wit: Felonious Assault, ORC 2903.11

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**Count Three                      Vehicular Vandalism - M1**

§2909.09(B)(1), 2909.09(C)

**Date of Offense**              On or about September 13, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that Dallas E. Fortner, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about September 13, 2025, unlawfully

did knowingly, and by any means, drop or throw any object at, onto, or in the path of any vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley on a highway.

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**Count Four                      Criminal Damaging or Endangering - M1**

§2909.06(A)(1), 2909.06(B)

**Date of Offense**              On or about September 13, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that Dallas E. Fortner, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about September 13, 2025, unlawfully

did knowingly cause or create a substantial risk of physical harm, by any means, to property of Victim # 2; to wit: 2014 Chevrolet Cruze, without her consent.

FURTHERMORE, and the violation of this section created a risk of physical harm to any person

*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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Haiden M. Stidam  
Mercer County Sheriff's Office

Sworn before me by Haiden M. Stidam, Mercer County Sheriff's Office, on this  
day of September 15, 2025.



JUDGE/Clerk/Notary Public

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

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CELINA, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, Haiden M. Stidam, do hereby state that I am employed at the Mercer County Sheriff's Office. The following did occur:

On September 13, 2025, at approximately 9:07 P.M, I took a complaint from Victim # 1 and a Cole Hall. Cole said that he and victim # 1 went to 128 West Market Street, Rockford, Mercer County, Ohio to retrieve clothing from a male, Dallas Fortner, that resides in apartment # 1. When Hall and Victim # 1 arrived, they sent a text message to Fortner and said that they had arrived. They both remained in the vehicle, Hall was driving, and Victim # 1 was a front seat passenger. Fortner came out of the apartment and started walking quickly towards them. Hall said that Fortner was carrying a baseball bat. Fortner approached the car, swung the bat and struck the passenger side front window area, breaking the window and expelling glass shards into the car. Victim # 1 put her hands up to shield her face but still suffered cuts on her face. She also suffered a laceration on her right hand. Hall quickly backed up and sped off. Fortner ran after them and threw the bat at the vehicle, striking it.

Both Hall and Victim # 1 went to Joint Township Hospital for treatment. I contacted Sgt. Cupp and updated him. He went to the hospital and took statements and photographs of injuries and the vehicle. Victim # 1 had to get stitches to close the injury to her hand. The damaged vehicle was a 2014 Chevrolet Cruze, owned by victim # 2.

Other Deputies and I went to 128 West Market Street Apartment # 1 in Rockford, Ohio. We knocked on the door and contacted Dallas Fortner. We placed Fortner into handcuffs and escorted him outside to a cruiser. Fortner was Mirandized and admitted multiple times to hitting the vehicle with a baseball bat. He said that he was scared for his safety. He said that he was attempting to hit a person that was in the back seat of the car.

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Sworn to before me by Haiden M. Stidam, Mercer County Sheriff's Office on  
September 15, 2025.

*[Signature]*