

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

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 26-CRM-010

Plaintiff

VS.

GEOFFREY E. SWINK
1125 West Bank Road # 202
Celina, OH 45822
DOB: 9/22/1988
SSN: XXX-XX-0630

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COMPLAINT

Shirley J. Farmer
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Defendant.

Count One **Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Drug of Abuse or a Combination of Them - OVI - F4**
§4511.19(A)(1)(a), 4511.19(G)(1)(d)

Date of Offense On or about February 4, 2026

Complainant being duly sworn states that Geoffrey E. Swink, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about February 4, 2026, unlawfully

did operate any vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley within this state, when at the time of the operation he was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them.

FURTHERMORE, within ten years of the offense, Geoffrey E. Swink was previously convicted of or plead guilty to three violations of division (A) of this section or other equivalent offenses, to wit: January 18, 2022 in Celina Municipal Court, Mercer County, Ohio, of ORC 4511.19, OVI-Alcohol and/or drug, in case number 21TRC04104 and February 6, 2019 in Lima Municipal Court, Allen County, Ohio, of ORC 4511.19, OVI-Alcohol and/or drug, in case number 18C13848 and April 9, 2018 in Franklin County Municipal Court, Franklin County, Ohio, of ORC 4511.19, OVI-Alcohol and/or drug, in case number 18118888

Specification for Forfeiture of Vehicle - §2941.1417(A)

Geoffrey E. Swink is the owner and/or possessor of 2016 Chevrolet truck, VIN 3GCUKREC7GG343798, which is contraband and/or property derived from or through the commission or facilitation of the offense, and/or is an instrumentality the offender used or intended to be used in the commission or facilitation of the offense, which is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 2941.1417(A) and 4503.234 of the Revised Code

The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and

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against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

Count Two **Endangering Children - M1**
§2919.22(A), 2919.22(E)(2)(a)

Date of Offense On or about February 4, 2026

Complainant being duly sworn states that Geoffrey E. Swink, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about February 4, 2026, unlawfully

was a parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis of a child under eighteen years of age, who did create a substantial risk to the health or safety of Victim # 1, by violating a duty of care, protection, or support.

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.

Count Three **Falsification - M1**
§2921.13(A)(3), 2921.13(F)(1)

Date of Offense On or about February 4, 2026

Complainant being duly sworn states that Geoffrey E. Swink, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about February 4, 2026, unlawfully

did knowingly make a false statement, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made, when the statement was made with purpose to mislead a public official in performing the public official's official function.

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Count Four

Menacing - M4

§2903.22(A)(1), 2903.22(B)

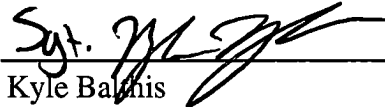
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On or about February 4, 2026

Complainant being duly sworn states that Geoffrey E. Swink, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about February 4, 2026, unlawfully


did knowingly cause Victim # 2 to believe that Geoffrey E. Swink would cause physical harm to Victim # 2 or Victim # 2's property.

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.



Kyle Balthis
Celina Police Department

Sworn before me by Kyle Balthis, Celina Police Department, on this 4th day
of February, 2026.



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

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, Kyle Balthis, do hereby state that I am employed at the Celina Police Department. The following did occur:

On February 3, 2026 at approximately 9:00 PM, I was on routine patrol in the City of Celina travelling southbound on S. Main Street. As I was approaching the intersection of S. Main Street and W. Logan Street, I observed a red truck in the right turn lane of S. Main Street facing north. When the light turned green, the red truck then initiated a left-hand turn through the intersection from the right-turn-only lane and began travelling westbound on W. Logan Street.

I initiated my overhead lights and conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of W. Logan Street and S. Mill Street. I observed the red truck to be a Chevrolet with license plate # KVQ 3399. I then approached the driver side door of the vehicle and made contact with the driver and registered owner of the vehicle, Geoffrey E. Swink. While speaking with Swink, I detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. Swink was the only occupant of the vehicle.

I asked Swink for his driver's license and insurance information for the vehicle. Swink's movements were slow, and he had trouble removing his ID from his wallet. I also noticed that Swink had bloodshot and watery eyes. Swink also appeared confused as to what documents he was looking for in his vehicle. At one point, Swink held up a random envelope and stated, "I have so much stuff." Swink eventually found his wallet with his ID.

I asked Swink how much alcoholic beverage he had consumed prior to driving. Swink denied consuming any alcohol.

I then asked Swink if he would be willing to perform Standard Field Sobriety tests. He agreed to perform the tests. Swink performed a Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, a Walk and Turn Test, and a One Leg Stand test. Swink performed poorly on all the tests. While he was performing the tests, I continued to detect an odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from his person.

At the conclusion of the tests, I conclude that Swink was impaired, and I placed him under arrest for OVI. While in route to the Mercer County Jail, Swink became increasingly aggressive. While in the back of my cruiser, Swink said: "I'll see you out and about bro." I

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then questioned Swink as to what he meant by this and if he was threatening me. Swink responded: "I mean what I said I mean, I'll see you out and about."

After arriving at the jail, I brought Swink in to the BAC room. Swink read my name tag on my uniform out loud and said, "I'll remember that" after repeating my name. I then asked Swink to stand up so that I could remove his handcuffs. Swink stated, "You're lucky I don't f*** you up." At this time, I believed that Swink would attempt to fight or assault me if I removed his handcuffs. Notably, Swink has an active warrant out of the state of Nevada for Resisting Arrest and Robbery.

After reading Wink his *Miranda* rights and the BMV 2255 form, I asked Swink if he wanted to provide a breath sample. I explained the test and the consequences of refusing to take the test multiple times. Swink claimed he didn't understand and argued with me. Swink refused to take the test.

While reviewing a LEADS printout for Swink, I discovered that Swink had three (3) prior OVI convictions within the last ten (10) years: January 18, 2022, Celina Municipal Court, Case No. 21TRC04104, February 6, 2019, Lima Municipal Court, Case No. 18C13848, and April 9, 2018, Franklin County Municipal Court, Case No. 18118888.

While I was completing paperwork for Swink at the booking desk at the jail, I overheard Swink ask corrections officers to make a phone call because "my two-year-old daughter is home alone." I then asked Swink for his address due to the address on his driver's license not being current. Swink responded that his address was 1125 S. Main Street. Swink then started to question me as to why I was asking for his address. I responded that we needed to make sure his two-year-old daughter was okay. Swink stated, "she was asleep." I explained to Swink that he could not leave his two-year-old daughter home alone for safety reasons. Swink again stated, "well, she is two, and she was sleeping." I again asked Swink if his address was 1125 S. Main Street. Swink did not respond.

Swink continued to claim that his address was 1125 S. Main Street. Swink continued to berate me and curse at me while I was attempting to determine his true address. Swink stated that there were hundreds of apartments where he lived. I asked what his apartment number was, and Swink responded, "who gives a f***?"

Upon investigation, the address Swink provided was false. I later discovered that his address is 1125 West Bank Road, Apartment 202.

Due to the possibility that Swink's daughter was in danger, Patrolman Burr, and I responded to 1125 West Bank Road, Apartment 202. Upon arrival, Patrolman Burr could hear a child crying inside the residence. The door to the apartment was locked. I called out to the child, telling her to stand away from the door so that she would not be struck. I got no response. We then forced entry into the apartment. We found Swink's two-year-old daughter sitting on the couch alone and crying. No one else was in the apartment. We made contact with Mercer County JFS for the care and custody of the child. Swink's vehicle was towed and placed in the Celina Police Department's impound lot.

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