

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

State of Ohio,

CASE NO. 24-CRM-074

Plaintiff

VS.

Sara M. Devall,
5966 Karch Road
Coldwater, OH 45828
DOB: 10/28/1987
SSN: XXX-XX-2879

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Count One Tampering With Evidence - F3
§2921.12(A)(1), 2921.12(B)

Date of Offense On or about July 25, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Sara M. Devall, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 25, 2024, unlawfully

did, knowing that an official proceeding or investigation was in progress, or was about to be or likely to be instituted, alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any record, document, or thing, with purpose to impair its value or availability as evidence in such proceeding or investigation.

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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Count Two Possessing Drug Abuse Instruments - M1
§2925.12(A), 2925.12(C)

Date of Offense On or about July 25, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Sara M. Devall, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 25, 2024, unlawfully

did knowingly make, obtain, possess, or use any instrument, article, or thing the customary and primary purpose of which is for the administration or use of a dangerous drug, other than marihuana, when the instrument involved is a hypodermic or syringe, whether or not of crude or extemporized manufacture or assembly, and the instrument, article, or thing involved has been used by the offender to unlawfully administer or use a dangerous drug, other than marihuana, or to prepare a dangerous drug, other than marihuana, for unlawful administration or use.

Furthermore, Sara M. Devall was previously convicted of or plead guilty to a violation of a drug abuse offense, to wit: July 19, 2023 in the Court of Common Pleas, Mercer County, Ohio, of ORC 2925.11(A), Possession of Drugs, in Case number 23-CRM-024.

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 Disorderly Conduct - M4
§2917.11(A)(5), 2917.11(E)(3)(a)

Date of Offense On or about July 25, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Sara M. Devall, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 25, 2024, unlawfully

did recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another by creating a condition that was physically offensive to persons or that presented a risk of physical harm to persons or property, by any act that served no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender and the offender persisted in the disorderly conduct after reasonable warning or request to desist.

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Sworn before me by Sgt. Darrell Etgen, Mercer County Sheriff's Office on July 26, 2024.



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

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

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

On July 25, 2024 at approximately 4:33 A.M, Deputies were dispatched to the area of U.S. Route 127 and Monroe Road, in Mercer County, Ohio, to investigate a complaint of a possible domestic situation, or argument. The citizen complainant said that they were beside a motor vehicle.

When I arrived, I met with Deputy Don Sites and members of the Celina Police Department. Sites told me that the male was involved fled on foot into a wooded area. The female was still there and she was identified as a Sara M. Devall. Devall said that she didn't know the identity of the male. She thought maybe his name was "JJ." I asked her if it was Josh Kittle. She said that it was not. She said that the male was angry and was throwing items from the car, into the road and the ditch.

Sara said that the car was out of gas and also couldn't locate her key fob. I told Sara that we would be towing her car. She said that she did not want that. She requested we call her step mother. As Sara was talking, she was slurring her words. She was leaning against the car to maintain balance. She had moments where she was starting to nod off to sleep.

We contacted Sara's stepmother and she refused to come to the scene. Sara sat inside her car became agitated and started hitting the dash and center screen. I told her to stop and calm down. I again asked her if she had a preference to tow her car. She said that she didn't car and started to walk down the roadway. The traffic was heavy and I told her to stop walking away and she refused. I approached her and grabbed her arm to get out of the road for her safety. I told her I was warning her for disorderly conduct. Sara pulled away from me and walked into the northbound lane of traffic. I grabbed her again and placed her under arrest.

Sara was handcuffed behind her back. I checked her pockets. I found a lighter and a pocket knife. I also located a small plastic baggie with a "bb" size dark colored substance inside. All of the items she had on her were placed into an evidence bag and placed into my patrol car. Sara lost her balance and fell to the ground. We had to assist her back onto her feet. She complained about the handcuffs, so they were moved to the front. I transported Sara to the Mercer County Detention Facility.

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When I got the jail, Sara had only one handcuff on her left wrist. She had slipped out of the other one. Sgt. Leist located a syringe in Sara's waistband. I collected the syringe as evidence. Sara was progressively becoming more and more lethargic, being unsteady on her feet and falling asleep. The jail nurse checked her out and requested we take Sara to the hospital for evaluation.

While at the hospital, I went to my cruiser and inspected the back seat in-car video footage. I watched as Sara slipped out of the handcuff. She then can be seen removing the syringe from her bra. She then injected the contents of the syringe into one of the fingers on her left hand. The Doctor handed me an orange colored syringe cap, with a dark colored piece of cotton in it. He told me it was found in Sara's underwear.

Sgt. Westgerdes attempted to field test the contents Devall had on her. The results were inconclusive and will be sent to BCI for further testing.


Sgt. Darrell Etgen
Mercer County Sheriff's Office

Sworn to before me by Sgt. Darrell Etgen, Mercer County Sheriff's Office on July 26, 2024.


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