

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

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 25-CRM-023

Plaintiff

VS.

DUSTIN R. LAWSON  
525 South Walnut Street  
Celina, OH 45822  
DOB: 6/13/1985  
SSN: XXX-XX-9184

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COMPLAINT

*Richard Freeman*  
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CELINA, OHIO

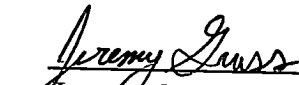
Defendant.

**Count One** Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer -  
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§2921.331(B), 2921.331(C)(3)  
**Date of Offense** On or about February 23, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that Dustin R. Lawson, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about February 23, 2025, unlawfully did operate a motor vehicle so as willfully to elude or flee a police officer after receiving a visible or audible signal from a police officer to bring his motor vehicle to a stop.  
*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.*

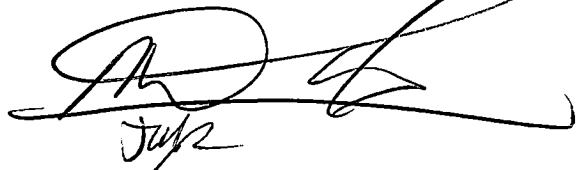
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Jeremy Gruss  
Mercer County Sheriff's Office

Sworn before me by Jeremy Gruss, Mercer County Sheriff's Office, on this  
day of Feb 24 2025, 2025.



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

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STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

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

On February 23, 2025, at approximately 11:40 P.M, I was on patrol in a marked police car when a silver/gray in color Honda minivan passed me. It was travelling faster than the posted speed limit. I activated my overhead lights to initiate a traffic stop. Immediately after I turned on my lights, the van accelerated away from me, failing to stop. I was pacing the vehicle at 90 miles per hour in a posted 55 miles per hour speed zone. At one point, the vehicle slowed enough where I could see the registration which was JBD7120. I terminated the traffic stop but continued to follow in the same direction.

The vehicle stopped at the stop light at the intersection of State Route 219 and State Route 703. The driver stepped out and walked towards me in an aggressive manner. As I was preparing to step out, the male got back into the van. The van continued on Eastbound on 219.

At Windy Point, the male turned the vehicle around and started driving towards me. I turned around and started driving Southbound. The van was now behind me. I turned Westbound onto 219 and the van continued to follow me. Officer Diller from the Coldwater Police Department had responded in response to my radio traffic. I passed by Diller at High St, in Montezuma. I requested Diller to initiate a traffic stop on the van, which was behind me.

Officer Diller attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver failed to stop. Diller reported that the van was travelling about 100 miles per hour on State Route 127. Diller discontinued his stop.

Myself and other Officers responded to 751 Deford Street in Celina, Ohio to speak with the registered owner. The owner, Ronnie Seals, told us that his daughter's boyfriend, a Dustin Lawson would normally be the person driving that van.

I then responded to 525 South Walnut Street, in Celina, where Dustin Lawson was said to be living. Dustin was located inside the residence. I verified he was the same male that I saw driving the vehicle and getting out of it in Montzuma.

Lawson was transported to the Mercer County Detention Facility.

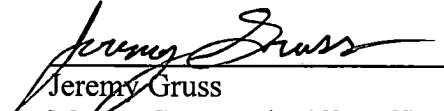
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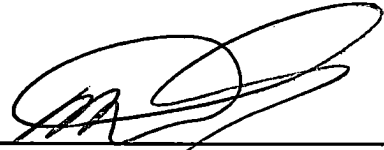
  
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JUDGE/Clerk/Notary Public

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