

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

State of Ohio,

CASE NO. 24-CRM-068

Plaintiff

VS.

Eric P. Friedrich,  
504 South Otto Street  
Ottoville, OH 45876  
DOB: 10/11/1991  
SSN: XXX-XX-9378

**COMPLAINT**

Defendant.

**Count One      Aggravated Possession of Drugs - F3**  
§2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(1)(b)

**Date of Offense**    On or about July 6, 2024

*Complainant being duly sworn states that Eric P. Friedrich, in the City of Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 6, 2024, unlawfully*

did knowingly obtain, possess, or use a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog and the drug involved in the violation is a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in Schedule I or II, to wit: Methamphetamine, a schedule II drug and the amount of the drug involved equals or exceeds the bulk amount but is less than five times the bulk amount.

*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.*

**Specification for Forfeiture of an Automobile in a Drug Case - §2941.1417(A)**

Eric P. Friedrich is the owner and/or possessor of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, VIN #2G1WT57K891245256, which was contraband and/or property derived from or through the commission of the offense, and/or was an instrumentality the offender used or intended to use in the commission or facilitation of the offense, to wit: said vehicle being used to transport drugs and/or drug proceeds

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**Count Two      Aggravated Possession of Drugs - F5**  
§2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(1)(a)

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did knowingly obtain, possess, or use a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog and the drug involved in the violation is a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in Schedule I or II, to wit: methamphetamine.

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**Count Three      Possession of Cocaine - F5**  
§2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(4)(a)

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*Complainant being duly sworn states that Eric P. Friedrich, in the City of Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 6, 2024, unlawfully*

did knowingly obtain, possess, or use a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog and the drug involved was cocaine or a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing cocaine.

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**Count Four      Possession of a Fentanyl-Related Compound - F5**

§2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(11)(a)

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did knowingly obtain, possess, or use a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog and the drug involved in the violation was a fentanyl-related compound and neither division (C)(9)(a) nor division (C)(10)(a) of Section 2925.11 of the Revised Code applies to the drug involved, or was a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that contained a fentanyl-related compound or was a combination of a fentanyl-related compound and another controlled substance and neither division (C)(9)(a) nor division (C)(10)(a) of this section applies to the drug involved.

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

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*Complainant being duly sworn states that Eric P. Friedrich, in the City of Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 6, 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, Eric P. Friedrich was previously convicted of or plead guilty to a violation of a drug abuse offense, to wit: June 8, 2022 in the Court of Common Pleas, Mercer County, Ohio, of ORC 2925.11A, Aggravated Possession of Drugs, in case number 22-CRM-044.

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**Count Six      Illegal Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - M4**  
§2925.14(C)(1), 2925.14(F)(1)

**Date of Offense**   On or about July 6, 2024

*Complainant being duly sworn states that Eric P. Friedrich, in the City of Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 6, 2024, unlawfully*

did knowingly use, or possess with purpose to use, drug paraphernalia.

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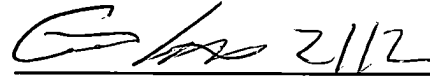
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Pt.1: Chase Kuhlman  
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Sworn before me by Pt.1 Chase Kuhlman, Coldwater Police Department on July 8, 2024.

  
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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 Coldwater Police Department. The following did occur:

On July 6, 2024 I was on patrol, driving through the "Northview Trailer park". While travelling through the 300 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, I saw a black Chevrolet Impala parked. A male looked at me, seemed nervous and walked to the front of the car, and opened the hood. As I passed by, I noticed that the rear license plate had a cover on that was tinted, making the plate unreadable from a distance. As I got closer, I could see the plate number, but not from the state requirement of fifty feet. The plate number was JSS8584, which returned to a 2001 Chevrolet station wagon. I ran the vehicle identification number through a VIN check and found that it should be a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe.

I observed the vehicle leave the trailer court. I initiated a traffic stop, on the vehicle, at Second Street and North Street, within the Village of Coldwater, Ohio.

Eric Friedrich was identified as the driver and an Elisabeth Edwards was the passenger. I explained to Friedrich the violations I observed.

Chief Wynk arrived at my traffic stop with his K9 Franko. Wynk walked his K9 around the vehicle, performing a free air sniff. Wynk let me know that the dog alerted to the presence, of the odor, or drugs of abuse.

I had both occupants step out of the vehicle. Myself and Wynk searched the vehicle. During the search, Wynk located two baggies that contained, what appeared to be, from my training and experience, methamphetamine. Wynk said that it was found in a void area, in a center console, under the dash. We also located other suspected drugs. We located a syringe and a glass pipe.

Friedrich was taken into custody and transported to the Mercer County Detention Facility. His vehicle, a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, bearing vehicle identification number 2G1WT57K891245256 was towed and impounded.

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Det. Dave Dues tested and weighed items that were recovered and discovered one baggie contained methamphetamine, weighing approximately 4.98 grams. One baggie testing positive for methamphetamine, weighed 3.18 grams. One substance that tested positive for

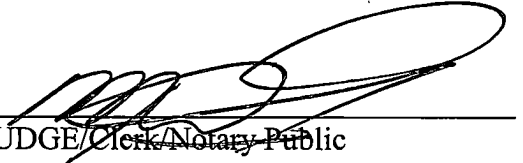
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methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine and weighed less than a gram and one other baggie that tested positive for fentanyl and weighed less than 1 gram.

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