

# News Release

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**For Immediate Release**

**No # 6**

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**Subject: Search Warrant Served**

**RICHLAND COUNTY, OH:** On June 28, 2018 the METRICH Enforcement Unit, with assistance from the Mansfield Division of Police and the Allied Special Operations Response Team (ASORT) executed two (2) drug related search warrants after a short term investigation. The search warrants were signed by the Honorable Judge Ault. The first search warrant was served at 264 E. First St. at approximately 0645 hours. A second search warrant was also served at a storage unit. As a result of the investigation, METRICH detectives arrested and charged Akeem Tubbs with counts of Trafficking in Drugs, Possession of Drugs and Having Weapons While under Disability.

As a result of both search warrants, METRICH detectives seized 188 fake Oxycodone pills that are suspected to contain Fentanyl, 2 handguns, assorted drug paraphernalia and \$750.00 in U.S. currency. Akeem Tubbs was incarcerated at the Richland County Jail pending his appearance in court. Further charges may be forwarded to the Richland County Prosecutor's Office.

METRICH Commander Lt. Joseph D. Petrycki stated "this investigation was a response to overdoses related to the use of suspected fake Oxycodone tablets and would like to thank the individuals in the community who provided information that assisted in the investigation" and "that METRICH will continue to target suspected drug dealers in the community, especially those that are selling Fentanyl."

The METRICH Enforcement Unit encourages citizens to continue to be proactive by reporting suspected drug activity. Citizens can call the METRICH Crime Tip Hotline at 419-52-CRIME (419-522-7463) or the Task Force line at 419-755-9728.

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Akeem Tubbs DOB: 05/24/90  
264 E. First St. Mansfield, Ohio  
Charges: Trafficking in Drugs-2 F1 Counts  
Trafficking in Drugs F4  
Possession of Drugs-2 Counts F1  
Having Weapons under Disability F3

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