



Major Crimes Unit

*Fairfield County – Athens County – Pickaway County,
City of Logan*

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday March 17, 2022

On March 17, 2022, The South-Central Major Crimes Unit, with the assistance of the Athens County Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at 7140 Selby Road, Lot 45, Athens Ohio, 45701 after an investigation into drug trafficking. The search of the residence produced over 64 grams of suspected fentanyl, over 13 grams of suspected methamphetamine, \$2505.00 cash, and a 9mm handgun.



Austin Ray
Billingsley



Austin Ray Billingsley was arrested for:

Trafficking in drugs, ORC 2925.03 A1: a felony of the first degree.

Possession of a controlled substance, ORC 2925.11 A: a felony of the first degree.

Weapons under disability, ORC 2923.13 A4: a felony of the third degree.

Additional charges, pending BCI&I lab results, will be submitted to a grand jury at a later date. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, South Central Major Crimes Unit is requesting a bond of \$110,000 be set for Mr. Billingsley's release.

This type of successful outcome which directly impacts the quality of life in our community, is a direct result of a collaborative effort between the South-Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit, its Law Enforcement partners, and the community. If you see suspicious activity or believe drugs are being used or sold in your neighborhood, please contact the Major Crimes Unit at 740-653-5224 ext. 3, your information can be anonymous. ***The Major Crimes Unit is a collaborative Law Enforcement Ohio HIDTA Task Force which includes the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster Police Department, Pickerington Police Department, Logan Police Department, , Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, Circleville Police Department, Athens Police Department, Athens County Sheriff's Office, Ohio University Police Department, Ohio National Guard Counter Drug Program, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, and the Fairfield, Hocking, Athens, and Pickaway County Prosecutors Offices.***

For any additional information or questions please contact the Major Crimes Unit Commander Dennis Lowe at 740-808-0100 or via email at dennis.lowe@fairfieldcountyohio.gov