

Meth materials allegedly found in car, home & business

Police allegedly found materials for making methamphetamine inside a Nankin man's car, at his residence and at a north-side business.

Mark A Corwin, 35, 956 Township Road 813, was placed under arrest Monday night and taken in for questioning after police allegedly found materials for making methamphetamine in the trunk of his car.

Following up on earlier reports of suspicious activity at Corwin's residence, City Police learned Monday evening that Corwin's 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix was seen parked at H&S Automotive Repair and Maintenance at Cottage and Vine streets.

According to reports from the Ashland Police Department, officer set up surveillance and allegedly saw Corwin walk out of the business, put a bag into the trunk and drive north on Cottage Street.

Police followed the car and Corwin turned west onto a side street, eventually wended his way back onto Cottage Street, then headed south.

A traffic stop was executed on Cottage Street at about 7:30 p.m. Officer Craig Kiley's K9 unit, Carlos, indicated the presence of narcotics.

Officers searched the vehicle and allegedly found materials used to make methamphetamine. Meth-making supplies also were found at the business and at Corwin's home.

He was taken in for questioning, then released pending a review of the investigation report by the prosecutor's office.

The investigation- which in ongoing- is a combined effort of the Ashland Police Department, Sheriff's Office and METRICH, a multi-county drug task force.

A U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency HAZMAT unit conducted the meth lab cleanup operations.

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